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SO THIS IS THE INFAMOUS HELL'S GATE
EVEN THOUGH THREE YEARS AGO, THE PREVIOUS HERO WAS SEALED THIS GATE,
EVERY SO OFTEN, MONSTERS STILL MANAGE BYPASS AND COME OUT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR, FOR I AM HERE! CONTINUE TO WORK!
OOOH! THIS SEEMS LIKE IT'LL SELL!
B-BO-BOSS... BEHIND YOU...
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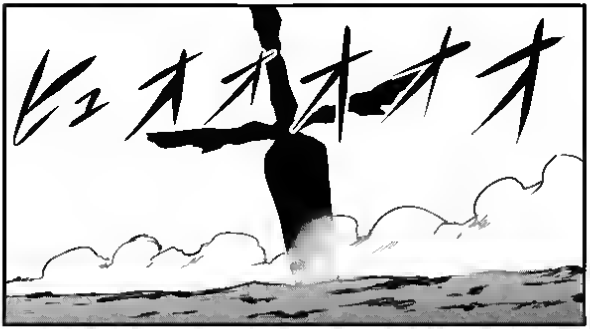
Episode 1 The Sword Hero

第１話　聖剣の勇者

IN A SOUTHERN VILLAGE KNOWN AS CHEZA
3 MONTHS LATER!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AAAAH!!!!!

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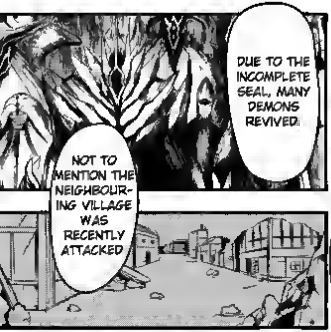
WHAT POWER... SO DIVINE
I CAN FEEL IT... THIS IS WHAT'S EMITTING THIS DIVINE AURA...

I PULLED IT OUT !!!
Touka Scott
just a villager
JUST WHAT I ALWAYS IMAGINED!!
AAAH! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL RADDISH!
SLIDE
SO LITTLE CATHERINE, LET ME MAKE YOU EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL.
FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE CATH-ERINE.

Yuna Yunis
Osananajimi
* Osananajimi = Childhood friend
YUNA!?
TOUKA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
CATHERINE, NO ! MEAN I'M JUST PULLING RADISHES
THEN WHY ARE YOU PUTTING SOCKS ON IT?
AHAHA, THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN
IT MUST BE NICE BEING YOUNG.
THE-THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE!
IN FRONT OF ME IS A MARVELOUS RADISH IN THE SHAPE OF A LEG! IF I DON'T PUT SOCKS ON IT, THEN I'M NOT A REAL MAN!
ONLY YOU'RE THIS KIND OF PERVERT. !!!
WHAT...
STOP HIM...

EVEN THOUGH HERO-SAMA IS THE SAME AGE AS US, HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH.
IT'D BE NICE IF I WAS HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND INSTEAD.

AH--HH. ALWAYS HESITATING AND DOING THESE OBSCURE THINGS...
HOW COME SOMEONE LIKE YOU BECAME MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
HA?


DUE TO THE INCOMPLETE SEAL, MANY DEMONS REVIVED.
NOT TO MENTION THE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE WAS RECENTLY ATTACKED

OI, OI HOW COME THE MOMENT SOMEONE OPENS THEIR MOUTH, IT'D BE ABOUT THE HERO.
HE WAS JUST LUCKY AND WAS SELECTED BY THE HOLY SWORD WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HIM?

WHATEVER HAPPENS TO THE WORLD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME. THIS HOME IS ALL I NEED.
AND ALSO YOU, YUNA.

AND I'VE HEARD THAT HERO-SAMA IS COMING!
AND THE HEROES ARE STILL FIGHTING EVIL! SO RESPECTABLE!
ISN'T IT NORMAL TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF?

MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, YUNA
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
ESPE-CIALLY HER THIGHS
THESE LUSC-IOUS THIGHS
ALTHOUGH ANNOYING, AND A TOMBOY, HER OUTER APPEARANCE IS DEFINITELY WITHIN RANGE OF MY IDEAL.
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING SOCKS ON ME!?
NO I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!!!
AAAHHH! YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF!!! YOU'RE SERIOUSLY HOPELESS!?!
LOOK AT THE WORLD AROUND YOU, IS THIS THE ONLY THING YOUR PEA SIZED BRAIN CAN THINK ABOUT?
A MONSTER CAN ATTACK THIS VILLAGE AT ANY MOMENT!
OH, ABOUT THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
THE FIELDS AROUND HERE ARE ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH MANY ANTI-DEMON TRAPS

BEHOLD, THIS TRAP IS MY PROUD CREATION
ANY DEMONS THAT STEPS OVER WILL BE PIERCED BY THE BROKEN BAMBOO BLADES
NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THIS IMPENETRABLE CONTRAPTION!
I AM DESTINED TO FOREVER LIVE A CAREFREE AND PEACEFUL LIFE
HOW BORING
JUST PRAY THAT YOUR DESTINY WON'T BE SEVERED BY YOUR OWN TRAPS
YUNA?
TCH! HOW DARE YOU MOCK MY TRAPS?
EVEN IF A DEMON WERE TO ATTACK YOU, I WON'T COME SAVE YOU!
KYYAAA !!!

HUMANS
.....
I EAT!!!
HUMANS
.....
I LIKE
.....

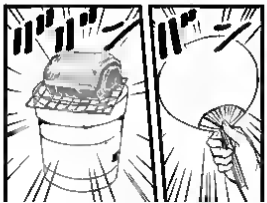
AH

IT REALLY CAME TO ATTACK THE VILLAGE!
KYAA!
AHH! DEMONS!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER ...
NO...
GIRL ..... HUMAN ..... I LIKE .....
HUMANS ..... GIRL ..... TASTY

I DEFINITELY I'LL NEED YUNA IN MY FUTURE
GOTTA THINK OF A PLAN TO SAVE HER!

REALLY JINXED IT!
THAT IDIOT!



HEY MR DEMON, THIS PIECE OF JUICE PORK IS FULLY ROASTED~
HAHAHA~ EVEN IF IT'S A DEMON THERE'S NO WAY THEY WOULDN'T SUCCUMB TO THIS... DELICIOUS PORK
SO COME COME OVER HERE! FALL INTO MY TRAP AND DIE!

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?! I TRIED, OKAY?
AH! YUNA IS STARING AT ME WITH SCORNFUL EYES!

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WHAT! IT DIDN'T WORK!?
ACK! PORK! I HATE!

EH?
PLEASE STEP WAY FROM THERE

DAMMIT!
LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DIRECTLY CONFRONT IT.

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HE-
ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?
HERO-SAMA!!!
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HERO-SAMA IS HERE TO SAVE OUR VILLAGE!!!
KYAAA--!!! HERO-SAMA!!!

I... HERO-SAMA, YOU REMEMBER ME?

OF COURSE! HOW ARE YOU DOING? IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS HASN'T IT?

ME TOO. MISS YUNA. I'M HAPPY IF YOU'RE NOT HURT.
HERO-SAMA. THANK YOU SO MUCH! I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE.

I'M ALSO HAPPY I CAN SEE YOUR SMILE AGAIN.
I'M SO HAPPY, I THOUGHT YOU ALREADY FOTGOTTEN ME...
BECAUSE, I LOVE SEEING YUNA'S SMILE.
!?

YUNA WAS ALSO SAVED FROM THE DEMONS BY THIS GUY THREE YEARS AGO. IT WAS SO ANNOYING AS SHE KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT THE HERO...
OH, RIGHT...

AH, YUNA, IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE OKAY I WAS ALSO TRYING TO SAVE YOU EARLIER
SHIT-! THAT BASTARD YUNA SEEMS LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY CAPTIVATED!!
I ALSO SAVED YOU EARLIER
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO NATURALLY?!
AHAHAHA? WHAT IS HE SAYING?
AH, RIGHT
I SHOULD JUST EXPLAIN MYSELF
I ALSO LIKE TO SEE YOUR SMILE
THIS LOVESTRUCK FACE, IS THIS REALLY THE SAME PERSON?
GO ROAST YOUR PORK SOMEWHERE ELSE
HA? DON'T BUTT YOUR MOUTH INTO OTHER'S CONVERSATIONS, YOU GARBAGE
I WAS COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTOOD!
WHERE IS IT COMING FROM!?
WHAT IS THIS SOUND? ANOTHER DEMON?
DAMNIT! THIS DAMNED HERO! COMPLETELY TARNISHED MY THREE YEARS OF EFFORTS! I WAS SO CLOSED TO GETTING YUNA BACK!

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UHM... THE SOUND CAME FROM ME ACTUALLY. I'M REALLY HUNGRY
AHA. SORRY
THIS BASTARD USING THIS CHANCE TO INCREASE HIS FAVORABILITY, HUH?
THIS TOPIC ISN'T EVEN INTERESTING I BET HE'S A HUGE CON ARTIST!
AH, HAHAHA, SO THAT WAS YOUR STOMACH! WHAT AN ASTONISHING SOUND!
YEAH I WAS KIND OF LOST SO I DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING FOR THREE DAYS
SO EVEN HERO-SAMA CAN GET LOST
YUNA'S HANDMADE FOOD!
UHM— HERO-SAMA, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, PLEASE COME TO MY HOUSE!
I, UHM... MADE MORE LUNCH THAN WHAT I CAN EAT, SO—
REALLY? IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THEN I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE

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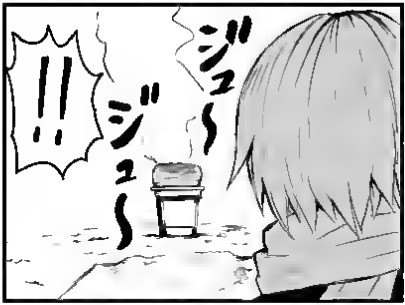
UGH, THIS BASTARD! MAKING ME LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT! COME ON, DEMONS! COME AND FINISH THIS GUY OFF!
NOT EVEN I HAD EVER HAD THE PLEASURE OF TASTING IT!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WAA! SOMETHING SMELLS REALLY GOOD!
AH, WAIT THAT'S NOT MY HOME

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I LOVE PORK!
OH, IS IT ROAST PORK?

HEY!
HEY!
THAT'S!

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NO WAY
MAYBE...
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IYAAAAAAAAA!!!
☆NEXT, YUNA TAKES OFF!!
☆次回、ユナが脱ぐ!!

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THE SURGERY ENDED

HOW IS HERO-SAMA ...?
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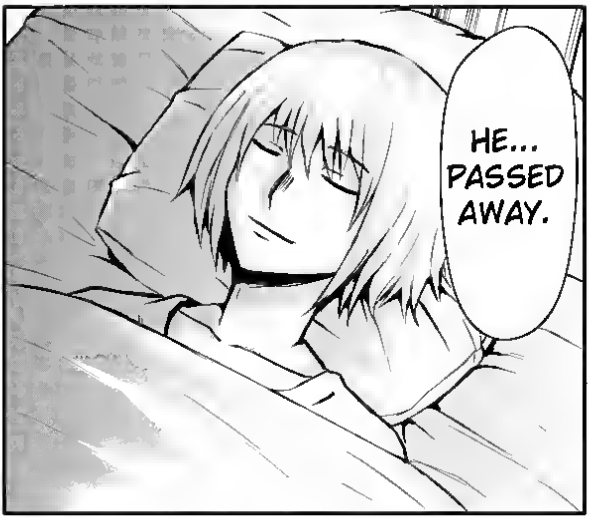

第2話 屍術師（ネクロマンサー）

Episode 2 Necromancer

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AH... HE REALLY DIED
THIS IS A LIE, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS THE MAN WHO SAVED THE WORLD!
HOW...
WITHOUT HERO-SAMA, HELL'S GATE CANNOT BE SEALED...!
THIS IS THE END FOR MANKIND!
AH...! THIS MUST BE A NIGHTMARE!
UWAAA! HERO-SAMA!!!
IT... IT'S OKAY!
WE JUST NEED TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE!
THEN, YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
HE DIED BECAUSE OF YOU!
YUNA!
CHIEF...
NO, YUNA, THAT WOULDN'T DO

THE HERO SAMA FELL IN MY TRAP WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!
WA-WAIT A MOMENT! THIS ISN'T RIGHT!
THIS PERSON... MUST RECEIVE PROPER JUDGEMENT IN FRONT OF HIS MAJESTY!
CHIEF!?
HE WAS TRESPASSING ONTO MY TERRITORY COMING AFTER MY FOOD. THEREFORE IT APPEARS THAT I AM THE VICTIM HERE!
OOOUUC.CH!!! EVERYONE, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
YOU WILL BE JUDGED!
COMPEN SATE YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR CRIME!
ENOUGH OF YOUR EXCUSES!
NO
I, FOR ONE, WOULD NOT GIVE INTO THIS AND BELIEVE THE VILLAGE JUST TRIED TO SACRIFICE THIS POOR VILLAGER!
CALM... EVERYONE CALM DOWN!
WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BELIEVE THAT THE HERO JUST FELL IN A HOLE AND DIED!?
IT'S AS TOUKA SAID—
NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THE WAY THAT HE DIED..
TOUKA! YOU BASTARD! YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE PUSHING THE BLAME ONTO YOU??

NO...!
THEN... IF THEY BELIEVE US THEN WE'LL BE SAFE!
THEN THEN LET'S SAY THE DEMONS KILLED HIM...!
SU-SUCH A PLAN... WILL MAKE US ALL CRIMINALS!
THERE'S STILL ANOTHER WAY

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WHAT'S DONE IS DONE! WE'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE EVERYONE'S LIVES ARE AT STAKE!
AS EXPECTED OF THE MAN WHO KILLED HERO-SAMA.
PRETENDING TO BE INNOCENT? OH, YOUR CRIMES ARE MERELY PILING UP.

HMM. THE BODY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE FOUND!
HOWEVER, WE'RE ALL DOOMED IF SOMEONE WERE TO FIND OUT.

HEHEE THE HERO IS MISSING
WE'RE INNOCENT!

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HEHEE..
HEHEE...
HAHAHAA
HAHAAHA!
WITH THIS, THE PEACE OF THE VILLAGE IS PRO TECTED!

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AAAH, WHAT A REFRESHING MORNING
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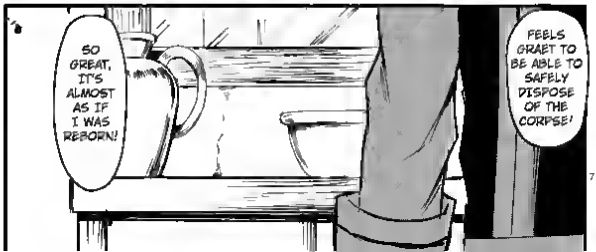
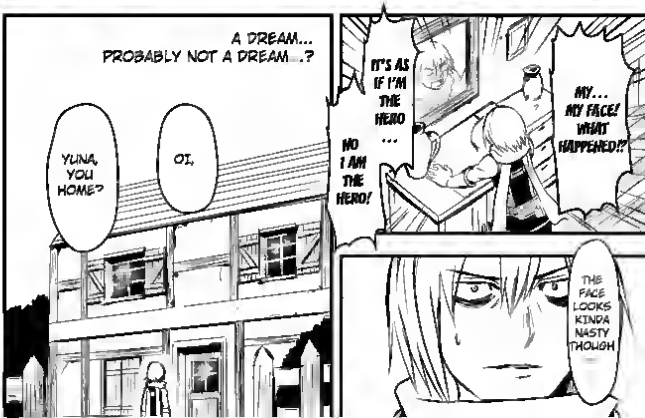

SO GREAT, IT'S ALMOST AS IF I WAS REBORN!
FEELS GRAET TO BE ABLE TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF THE CORPSE!

EH...


A DREAM...
PROBABLY NOT A DREAM ..?
YUNA, YOU HOME?
OI,
IT'S AS IF I'M THE HERO ...
NO I AM THE HERO!
MY... MY FACE! WHAT HAPPENED!?
THE FACE LOOKS KINDA NASTY THOUGH

WHY IS HERO-SAMA STILL ALIVE...!
IT'S A LONG STORY...
NO...
HERO-SAMA!?
EH!?
WHO SO EARLY

NO, WAIT A MINUTE... IF I LOOK LIKE HERO-SAMA THEN...
FUCK...
AS EXPECTED EVEN OTHERS SEES ME AS HERO-SAMA...

I SEE... FROM NOW ON...
HEY YUNA, I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU...
LOOKING AT ME WITH SUCH A FEMININE EXPRESSION...
YUNA IS...
!!

IS...
IS THIS OKAY?
HERO-SAMA..

FUHAHAHA!!
AWESOME!!
THIS IS AWESOME!!
FU...
KNEE HIGH SOCKS ARE THE DEMONS' WEAKNESS!
YES!
WITH THIS FACE, I CAN HAVE ALL THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD WITH BEAUTIFUL THIGHS TO PUT ON KNEE-HIGH SOCKS WITH EASE!!
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THE HERO'S POWER..
SO THIS IS THE POWER THAT CAN SAVE THE WORLD..

AHH... HERO-SAMA IS LOOKING AT ME WITH SUCH A CHARMING LOOK.
HERO-SAMA...

YOU CAN'T! YOU CAN'T YUNA!
JUDGING PEOPLE IS THE WORST!
EVEN IF HERO-SAMA
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BUT I WONDER WHY
HERO-SAMA IS GIVING OFF A SMELL OF ROTTEN FLESH!
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HERO-SAMA IS WONDERFUL! AS EXPECTED
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM TOUKA

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SMELL LIKE SHIT!
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SQUELCH
MO... MONSTER!
EH?
YUNA, CALM DOWN! WHAT'S WRONG!?
HERO- SMELLS AWFUL! SMELLS LIKE A ROTTEN CORPSE!
HUH? THEN HOW ABOUT I PROVE THAT I'M REALLY TOUKA?
TOUKA DOESN'T WAKE UP THIS EARLY!
TOUKA IS NO MONSTER!
TOUKA?!
N...NO! I'M ACTUALLY TOUKA! YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
HOW DARE YOU LOWLY MONSTER TAKE ON THE FORM OF HERO-SAMA!!
YOU EVEN MADE A COSTUME FOR YOURSELF! IT WAS PRETTY FUNNY
IN THIS ENTIRE VILLAGE ONLY I KNOW THIS FACT!
THE NAME YOU CALLED YOURSELF WHEN YOU WERE FANTASIZING ON BEING A MAGICIAN
UHM... MISS YUNA RIN?
MAHOU SHOUJO YUNA RIN.

"PLOP"
I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE HERO'S CORPSE WAS BURIED YESTERDAY
AS IF BY MAGIC
CHANGED MY APPEARANCE. HUH? MORE LIKE MY SOUL WAS SUCKED INTO THE HERO'S CORPSE.
IN THE BEGINNING I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED YOU WERE ACTING WEIRD
OKAY I GET IT YOU'RE TOUKA.
HOW WOULD I KNOW! IN FACT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!
BUT REALLY, HOW DID YOU CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE INTO THE HERO?

TOUKA, THAT SOUND CAME FROM YOUR HOUSE!
SHIT WHO ARE YOU!
FUHAHAHAHA! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
AS EXPECTED OF THE MAN WHO KILLED THE HERO!
FUHAHAHA! LOOKS LIKE MY ART OF "NECROMANCY" HAS BEEN FIGURED OUT!
!?

I AM THE ONE WHO CHANGED YOU INTO THE HERO!
FUHAHAHAHA!
I AM THE NECRO-MANCER, ANRI HAYNES-WORTH
Anri Haynesworth
Necromancer

EH? YOU'RE CONFIRMING!?
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ME LOOK LIKE THE HERO!?
WHY!?

UHM...
THAT'S ...

I... I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE.
BEFORE THAT, PLEASE HELP...
TO BE ABLE TO CORNER ME LIKE THIS...
AUGH

AH
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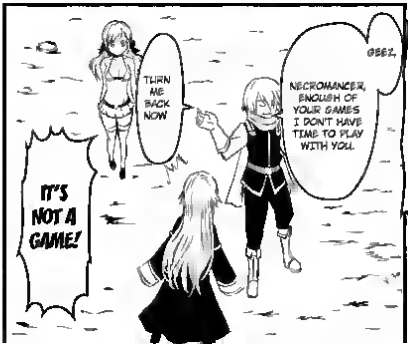
AH

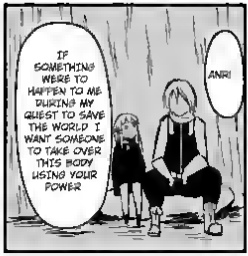
I WANTED TO SEE YOUR TROUBLED REACTION WHEN YOU WAKE UP SO I CLIMBED UP THE TREE BESIDE YOUR WINDOW
I BET HE'S GONNA BE SO SURPRISED!!


TURN ME BACK NOW
GEEZ,
NECROMANCER, ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU.
IT'S NOT A GAME!

AND AS YOU'VE PREDICTED! I FELL INTO THE TRAP THAT YOU PREPARED
AREN'T YOU JUST SUPER CLUMSY?!?

FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE THE NEW HERO THAT WILL SAVE THE WORLD!
HUH!?

I AM SURE IF IT'S YOU AND THAT PERSON YOU'VE CHOSE, YOU TWO CAN SAVE THE WORLD


IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO ME DURING MY QUEST TO SAVE THE WORLD I WANT SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THIS BODY USING YOUR POWER
ANRI

WHEN I WAS TRAVELLING WITH THE HERO, I PROMISED

I SEE, SO THAT'S THE STORY.

BOTH OF YOU FELL INTO MY TRAP WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!
WITH BOTH ABILITIES COMBINED, EVEN IF IT'S YOU, CAN SAVE THE WORLD AS A HERO!
HERO SHION'S POWERFUL ABILITIES AND YOUR ABILITY THAT ALMOST KILLED ME

I HAVE LONG YEARNED FOR THIS
TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE WITH THE HERO
I HAVE TO RETURN THE KINDNESS FROM HERO-SAMA
NO WAY! WHY WOULD I DO SUCH A BOTHERSOME THING!
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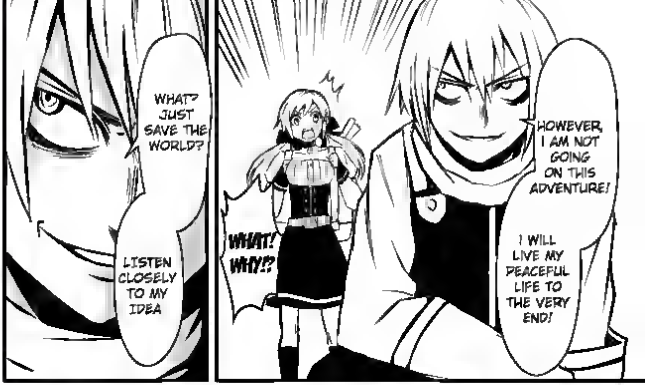
I'M ALSO GOING
WHY ARE YOU ALREADY PREPARED!?
IF YOU WANT, I CAN EXECUTE YOU RIGHT HERE
I'VE HEARD THAT THE PUNISHMENT FOR KILLING THE HERO IS EXECUTION
HAA-
THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID ABOUT YOUR ORIGINAL BODY
!?
I HAVE THE HERO'S BODY... YOU THINK A BRAT LIKE YOU CAN KILL ME?
YOU FOOL!
HAHA!

IF YOU TRY TO ESCAPE,
I WILL CRUSH YOUR BODY AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL CONSCIOUSNESS.
THIS IS AN ANCIENT MAGIC TOOL KNOWN AS 「LIVING COFFIN」.
YOUR ORIGINAL BODY IS SEALED WITHIN THIS SMALL COFFIN.
HA.. I SEE.
THAT'S HOW IT IS...

OKAY
THE WORLD... LET ME SAVE IT...


WHAT? JUST SAVE THE WORLD?
LISTEN CLOSELY TO MY IDEA
WHAT? WHY!?
HOWEVER, I AM NOT GOING ON THIS ADVENTURE!
I WILL LIVE MY PEACEFUL LIFE TO THE VERY END!

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COME MEET THE HERO!
THE HERO!
HE'S HERE! THE HERO IS AT CHEZA VILLAGE
FIRST, SPREAD THE RUMOUR THAT THE HERO IS IN THIS VILLAGE.

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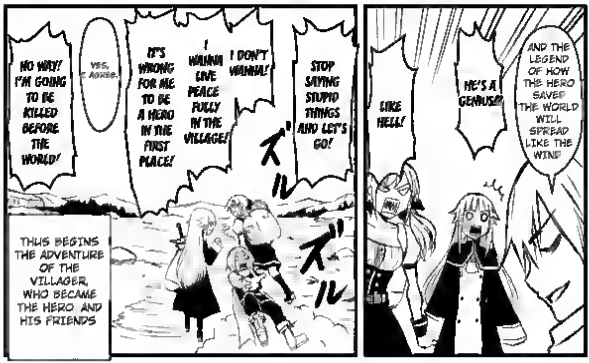
HERO! ALTHOUGH I HAVE DIED BUT MY POWERS HAVE MANIFESTED HERE TO KILL YOU!
I'M SATAN, THE DEMON KING!
AFTER HEARING THE HERO IS HERE THE DEMON BOSS WILL SHOW UP. HE COMES BACK FOR REVENGE ON WHAT HAPPENED THREE YEARS AGO


NO WAY! I'M GOING TO BE KILLED BEFORE THE WORLD!
YES, MASTER.
IT'S WRONG FOR ME TO BE A HERO IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I WANNA LIVE PEACE FULLY IN THE VILLAGE!
I DON'T WANNA!
STOP SAYING STUPID THINGS AND LET'S GO!
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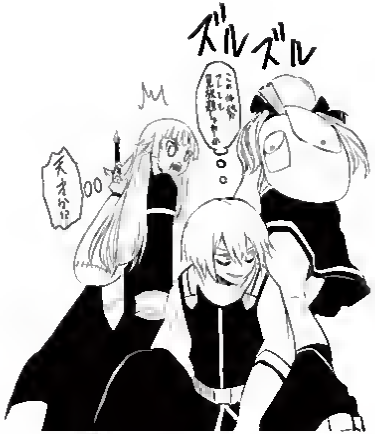
THIS BEGINS THE ADVENTURE OF THE VILLAGER, WHO BECAME THE HERO AND HIS FRIENDS
LIKE HELL!
HE'S A GENIUS!!
AND THE LEGEND OF HOW THE HERO SAVED THE WORLD WILL SPREAD LIKE THE WIND

★ AN ADVENTURE OF WISDOM, PLANNING, AND TRAPS BEGINS!!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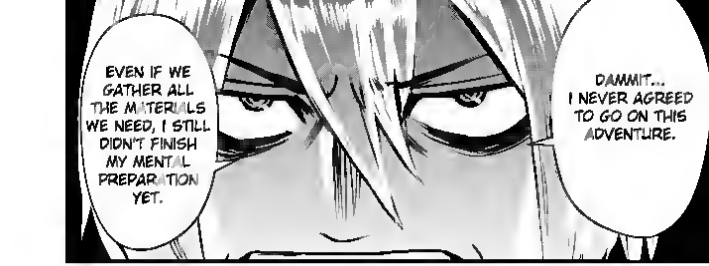
IN A CITY APPROXI-MATELY HALF A DAY NORTHEAST OF CHEZA
「BERUSO」
WAA! IT'S SO LIVELY HERE!
BERUSO IS THE LARGEST CITY, SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR THE JOURNEY HERE.


EVEN IF WE GATHER ALL THE MATERIALS WE NEED, I STILL DIDN'T FINISH MY MENTAL PREPARATION YET.
DAMMIT... I NEVER AGREED TO GO ON THIS ADVENTURE.

BUT HERO-SAMA SAID HE REALLY LIKED MY SMILE.
SO, I HAVE TO ALWAYS PUT ON A BRIGHT SMILE.
WHAT!?
I WAS SERIOUSLY HEART-BROKEN!
BESIDES, TO START ENJOYING THIS ADVENTURE AFTER YOUR BELOVED HERO-SAMA JUST PASSED AWAY, IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU?
TOUKA, WE'RE ALREADY AT THE CITY SO STOP DALLYING AND WASTING TIME.
JUST GROW UP ALREADY.
HMM, UNLIKE YOU, I'M NOT AS CAPRICIOUS AS TO JUST GO ALONG WITH THIS.

HERO-SAMA?
A MERE ADVENTURE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE.
I SEE.

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KYAA! HERO-SAMA IS SO HANDSOME!
IT'S A PLEASURE
IT'S HERO-SAMA!

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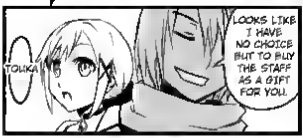
AAAH... THIS BODY...
IS THE BEST!
WOW THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS YOU CAN'T BUY BACK IN THE VILLAGE
WE SHOULD HAVE CAME HERE EARLIER
!
WHOA! THAT STAFF IS SO CUTE!
I REALLY WANT IT!
AH, AS EXPECTED OF HERO-SAMA'S COMPANION. YOU HAVE AN EYE FOR GOOD ITEMS.

I REMEMBER BACK WHEN YOU WERE MAHOU SHOUJO YUNA RIN, YOU WERE WACKING PEOPLE WITH THE STICK
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE MAGIC
HA! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT!
FIRST START WITH EQUIPMENTS!

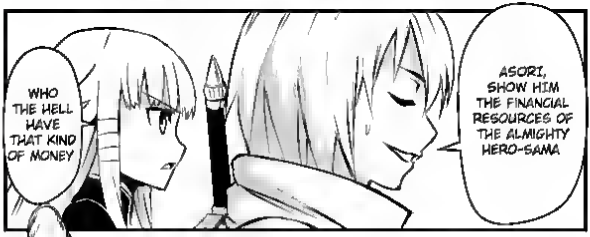
THIS STAFF IS MADE FROM THE BRANCHES OF THE SEKAIJU*
IT'S THE MOST EXPENSIVE MAGIC ITEM IN THE ENTIRE STORE
THIS STAFF CAN MAGNIFY YOUR MAGIC AND MAKE THEM MORE POWERFUL.
EH-

*Sekaiju means World Tree.



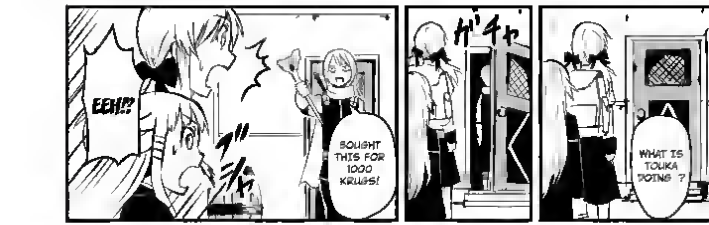
100 KRUGS = AN APPLE

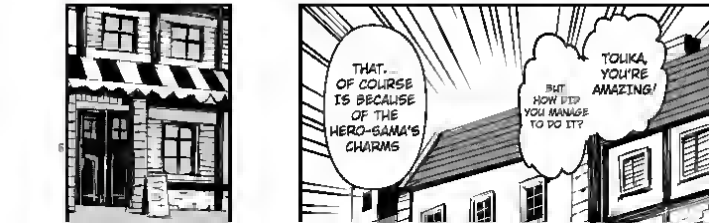
HAHAHA! AS EXPECTED OF HERO-SAMA!
TO TREAT 10 MILLION KRUGS AS IF IT WERE ONLY 1000 KRUGS
HOW ADMIR-ABLE!
HAHA, JUST 10 MILLION HA...
WH-WHAT
TEN MILLION

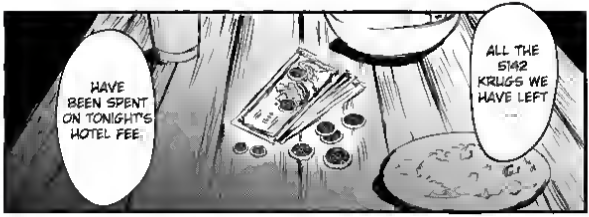

ASORI, SHOW HIM THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE ALMIGHTY HERO-SAMA
WHO THE HELL HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY

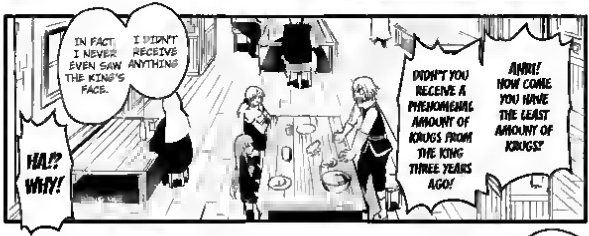
DON'T... HAVE ENOUGH I SEE. THEN I'LL SAVE THIS STAFF FOR YOU FOR LATER.
THE TWO OF YOU, GO WAIT OUTSIDE FOR ME

EH...?
WILL YOU TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN I FAIL TO SAVE THE WORLD BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SELL THIS STAFF TO ME...?
YES, IT APPLIES TO ME I AM THE HERO, RIGHT?
YOU'VE SAID 10 MILLION IS THE SAME AS 1000 DIDN'T YOU
SELL THIS TO ME FOR 1000
THAT'S... THAT ONLY APPLIES TO YOU, HERO-SAMA...


EEH!?
BOUGHT THIS FOR 1000 KRUGS!
WHAT IS TOUKA DOING ?


THAT... OF COURSE IS BECAUSE OF THE HERO-SAMA'S CHARMS
BUT HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO DO IT?
TOUKA, YOU'RE AMAZING!


ALL THE 5142 KRUGS WE HAVE LEFT
HAVE BEEN SPENT ON TONIGHT'S HOTEL FEE.


I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANYTHING
IN FACT, I NEVER EVEN SAW THE KING'S FACE.
HA!? WHY!
DIDN'T YOU RECEIVE A PHENOMENAL AMOUNT OF KRUGS FROM THE KING THREE YEARS AGO!
AHH! HOW COME YOU HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF KRUGS?

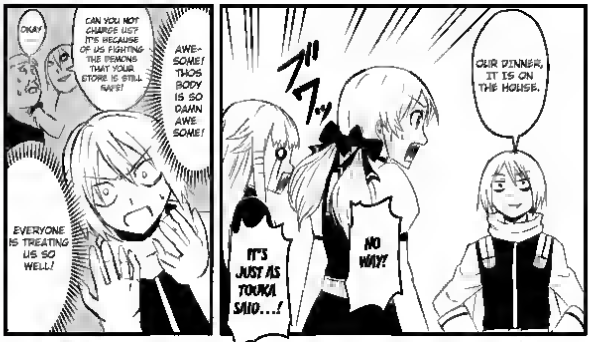
YEAH
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
SOMETHING LIKE RAISING CORPSES FROM THE DEAD WILL NEVER GAIN APPROVAL FROM THE CAPITAL!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND

IS IT BECAUSE
NECROMANCY IS A FORBIDDEN ART?

FORBIDDEN ARTS ARE MAGIC THAT ARE ILLEGAL
LOTS OF MAGIC ARE FORBIDDEN, LIKE DEMON SUMMONING AND MIND CONTROL
IF ANYONE IS CAUGHT USING ANY OF THE FORBIDDEN ARTS, THEY WILL BE TORTURED
YEAH
SO ONLY HERO-SAMA'S COMPANIONS AT THE TIME KNEW ABOUT ME
AND NOW TO NOT CAUSE TROUBLE FOR HERO-SAMA, I CAN ONLY PROTECT YOU FROM THE SHADOWS
NOT EVERYONE WILL BE CHARMED BY HERO-SAMA LIKE THAT SHOP OWNER
SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE FUTURE?
THE PROBLEM AT HAND IS KRUGS
OKAY! TO NOT CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR ME, YOU ARE NOW FREE!
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE ONLY CAUSING TROUBLE TO YOUR SELF!
YUNA
DO NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE A HERO'S CHARMS!
EH?

WHAT ?
Anyway, anyway...
I WILL SHOW YOU THEY WILL FALL FOR MY CHARMS NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.
JUST YOU WAIT.


OKAY.
CAN YOU NOT CHARGE US? IT'S BECAUSE OF US FIGHTING THE DEMONS THAT YOUR STORE IS STILL OPEN!
AWE-SOME! THIS BODY IS SO DAMN AWE-SOME!
EVERYONE IS TREATING US SO WELL!
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OUR DINNER, IT IS ON THE HOUSE.
NO WAY!
IT'S JUST AS TOUKA SAID...!

IF THIS IS SO, THEN I CAN LIVE THE REST OF MY LIFE COMFORTABLY!
WITH THIS BODY, MAYBE EVERYONE WILL LISTEN AND DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!

JUST WAIT A MINUTE! YOU WANT TO KEEP USING PEOPLE'S KINDNESS!?
DOESN'T THAT MAKE US VERY DESPICABLE!?
YEAH, I AGREE!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE MONEY ISN'T A PROBLEM NOW!
AND WE'LL ALSO RECEIVE EXTRA SERVICE DUE TO PEOPLE'S KINDNESS!
AMAZING! AS EXPECTED OF A MAN WHO IS A HERO, YOUR IDEAS ARE JUST AWESOME!
LET'S GO TO THE ADVENTURE GUILD!
HEY! TOUKA'S ALSO GOING!
I NEVER PLANNED ON DOING THIS JOB SERIOUSLY FROM THE START...
HA...? WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY PLAN...
WA! IT'S REALLY HERO-SAMA!
SO COOL!
WWAAAA! THESE GIRLS HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL THIGHS!
HEY, UHM... IS IT OKAY TO PLAY WITH US IN OUR STORE?
EH?

WE'RE HERE--!
I, ALONE, KILLED THOUSANDS OF THE DEMONS!
KYAA! AMAZING!
YOU'RE THE BEST!
HERO-SAMA
YES?
WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE TWO IDIOTS, I'M GOING TO ENJOY THE HERO'S POWERS!
HER BODY IS SO AMAZING!
SOME-THING SMELLS WEIRD

AH! THEN HOW ABOUT LET'S TAKE A SHOWER TOGETHER?
OKAY! LET'S GO LET'S GO RIGHT NOW!

I'VE BEEN TRAINING EARLIER, SO I HAVEN'T TAKEN A SHOWER YET.
AH, HAHA

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEAR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

OKAY OKAY
LET'S ALL GO!
HAHA HAHA!
AH- DON'T BE MEAN, LET ME COME TOO-
UHM..
DEAR CUSTOMER, THE BILL...

YOU SHOULD FEEL HONOURED THAT YOU'RE GIVING ME YOUR SERVICE.
OI, OI, I'M THE HERO, OKAY?

EXCUSE ME, BUT CAN YOU PROVE THAT YOU'RE THE REAL HERO-SAMA?
BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT— I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MET THE REAL HERO-SAMA BEFORE.

I CAN ATTEST THAT THIS GUY IS THE REAL DEAL
BUT LOOK, ALL THE GIRLS HERE KNOW THAT I'M HERO-SAMA...
THIS...?
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THE HERO?
SO IT SEEMS
THREE YEARS AGO, I'VE SEEN THE HERO IN ACTION WITH MY VERY OWN EYES
I ALSO FOUGHT ON THE FRONT LINES BEFORE
HERO-SAMA AND I WILL FIGHT HERE TO PROVE THAT HE'S REALLY THE HERO.
WHAT?
YEAH! REALLY, YOU SAW ME. HUH? MAN, THAT BATTLE SURE WAS INTENSE, WASN'T IT?
THEN

IF YOU MANAGED TO WIN, THEN I'LL BELIEVE YOU
AH, MY BODYGUARD'S STRENGTH IS THE BEST AROUND!
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STOP JOKING!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN WIN AGAINST A MAN THAT SIZE!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE HERE!
PLEASE USE YOUR FULL POWER, EVEN IF I WERE TO DIE IT'LL BE A GREAT HONOUR.
TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT WITH THE HERO

I HAVE HERO-SAMA'S HOLY SWORD...!
NO... CALM DOWN...!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LOSE!
I WILL FINISH THIS WITHIN ONE MINUTE.
OKAY.
15
READY
GO!

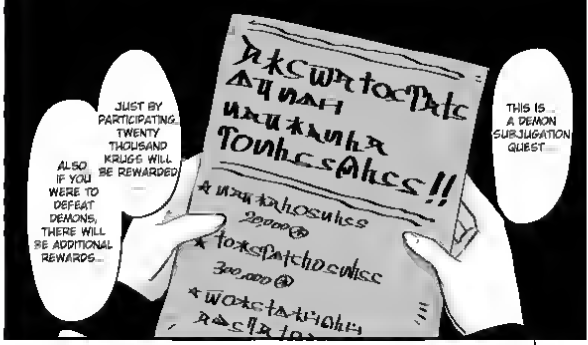
HE VANISHED?
AS EXPECTED!
BEHOLD THE POWER OF HERO-SAMA!!
MY BODY FEELS REALLY LIGHT!
IT'S MY WIN!

EH?

REALLY... WHERE DID THAT IDIOT RUN OFF TO THIS TIME!?

ADVENTURE GUILD

HOW DO YOU DO THIS JOB?
YUNA-CHAN!


THIS IS... A DEMON SUBJUGATION QUEST...
JUST BY PARTICIPATING... TWENTY THOUSAND KRUGS WILL BE REWARDED
ALSO, IF YOU WERE TO DEFEAT DEMONS, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL REWARDS...

THIS IS KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
WHILE THIS IS KILLING GREAT DEMONS, WE CAN ALSO EARN KRUGS!
HAHAHA, KEEP PRAISING ME!!
YEAH! THIS IS THE BEST!

WITH EVERY DEMON DEFEATED, 300 THOUSAND KRUGS WILL BE REWARDED!!

AH...

AH, YOU AREN'T REALLY ARE ANRI!
OH!
NOW, LET'S GO FIND THAT IDIOT...

☆YUNA ONCE AGAIN SHOWS HER FEMININE SMILE...!!!

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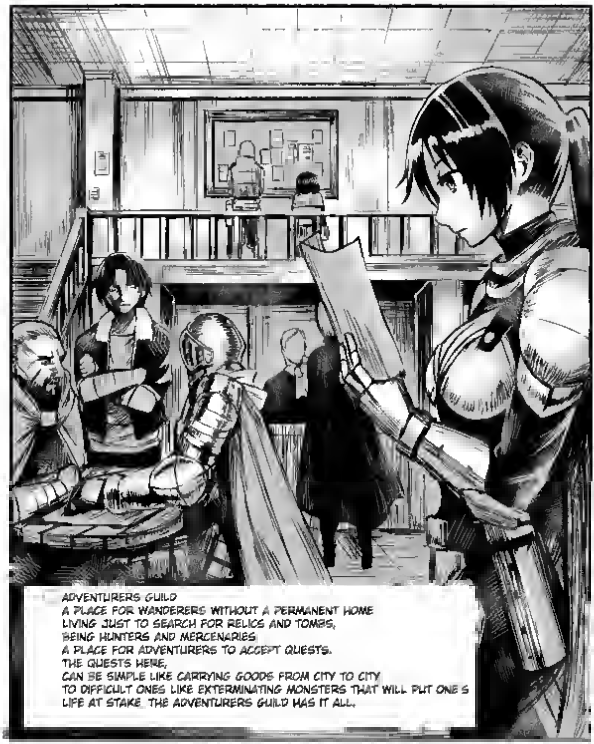
THIS BASTARD! HOW COULD HE BEND MY HOLY SWORD LIKE THAT!
THAT OLD MAN, HOW CAN HE BE SO STURDY!?
MY EYE, WHERE IS IT!
AAAH! MY EYE!
AH!
THEW THERE YOU ARE, IT'D BE BAD IF I LOST YOU
EH?
THE HERO... THERE'S NO WAY HERO-SAMA COULD BE THIS WEAK!!
FAKE... HE'S A FAKE!
GAH!


ADVENTURERS GUILD
A PLACE FOR WANDERERS WITHOUT A PERMANENT HOME
LIVING JUST TO SEARCH FOR RELICS AND TOMBS,
BEING HUNTERS AND MERCENARIES
A PLACE FOR ADVENTURERS TO ACCEPT QUESTS.
THE QUESTS HERE,
CAN BE SIMPLE LIKE CARRYING GOODS FROM CITY TO CITY
TO DIFFICULT ONES LIKE EXTERMINATING MONSTERS THAT WILL PUT ONE'S
LIFE AT STAKE. THE ADVENTURERS GUILD HAS IT ALL.

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Episode 4　Mana

HERO SAMA'S COMRADE!
HERO..
I'VE HEARD YOU WERE HIS RIGHT HAND MAN, WHETHER PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY, YOU PLAYED A HUGE PART
THERE'S NO WAY FOR ANYONE BORN IN THIS CONTINENT TO NOT KNOW THE WELL ESTABLISHED KYLE-SAMA!
N-NO!
EH? YOU DON'T KNOW ME? I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY POPULAR
DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THIS HANDSOME...
IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING YOU IN PERSON..
KYLE DONO. WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
KYLE SAMA
FOR ME AS WELL I HAVE NEVER MET ANOTHER GIRL WHO IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU. MAKES ME WANT TO KNOW YOU BETTER.
BUT TO ME IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO I AM SPEAKING TO I WANT THEM TO RELAX.
HAHA, I AM HAPPY TO HEAR THAT

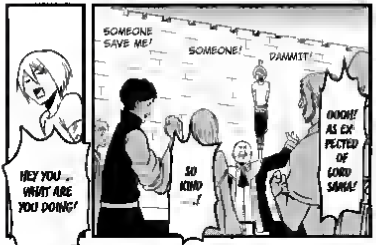
I HEARD SHION WAS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE, SO I CAME OVER HERE
JUDGING BY THAT GUY'S PERSONALITY IF HE DIDN'T SEE ANYONE REQUESTING HELP, HE'D FOR SURE COME TO THE ADVENTURERS GUILD, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO'D BREAK THEIR PROMISE TO SHION.
RATHER.
HERO-DONO IS...
DEAD...
OI!
LET ME DOWN!
BECAUSE OF THIS ALMIGHTY!

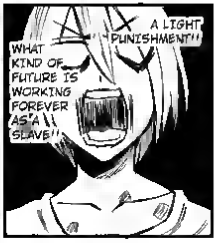
GIVE ME BACK MY 1000 THOUSAND STAFF!
NO! WE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
YOU FAKE!
GIVE ME BACK MY KUNGS!
I AM THE REAL HERO!
OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK!
WAIT!
IT'S TRUE, BEFORE I CAME HERE...
UUU...
REALLY STINKS...
I AM CURSED...
NO... HOW DO I PUT THIS...
UCK, REALLY STINKS!
AND YOU SMELL LIKE SHIT!
NO, IT IS YOU WHO SHOULD LOOK AT YOURSELF, HOW CAN HERO-SAMA LOOK LIKE SOMEONE DYING?
THERE'S NO WAY HERO-SAMA CAN SMELL THIS BAD!
WEIRD...
THIS IS WEIRD...

HEY, CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS STENCH?
IF THIS CONTINUES PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT THAT THE HERO DIED
WHAT STENCH?
DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR DISGUSTING SHOT!
FUHAHA! THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
THE BODIES OF ZOMBIES ARE MAIN TAINED BY MAGIC, THUS GIVING THEM SELF REGENERATION ABILITIES.
YOUR BODY WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL AFTER AWHILE!
BEING A ZOMBIE, YOU CAN EASILY RECOVER IF IT'S JUST A SMALL SCRATCH!
SO CONVENIENT!
EVEN THOUGH IT BENT, IT'S STILL THE REAL SWORD!
THEN, LOOK AT THE HOLY SWORD!
WHAT CURSE!?
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT THIS, I'M DEFINITELY ROTTING!
WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE SUCH AN EXCUSE!
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID
!?

SERIOUSLY... SO MANY OF THESE PEOPLE NOWADAYS THESE FAKE HEROES
ALL OF THESE ARE TAKEN FROM THE OTHER FAKE HEROES
AT LEAST THESE OTHER SWORDS ARE MADE QUITE EXQUISITELY. UNLIKE THE BENT SWORD YOU ARE USING TO DECEIVE US WITH
LORD-SAMA!
IT'S LORD SAMA!
THESE BASTARDS PRETENDING TO BE THE HERO AND DOING BAD DEEDS!
UNFORGIVABLE!
AREN'T YOU ALSO ONE!
THEN, FOR THIS PERSON, WE SHOULD PUNISH HIM LIKE THIS
TO STOP MORE FAKE HEROES FROM SHOWING UP A GOOD IDEA WOULD BE TO SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT
A GOOD IDEA, MY ASS! I DON'T ANY OF THOSE TO HAAA-PEN!!
NO HE'S STILL YOUNG WITH A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF HIM
RIGHT NOW, WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT HIS FUTURE AND LIGHTEN HIS PUNISHMENT
EH...?

LORD-SAMA
LOOKS LIKE HE'S A REALLY GOOD PERSON
TO FOREVER WORK IN THIS CITY AS A SLAVE!
THEN HIS PUNISHMENT WILL BE...


HEY YOU... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
SOMEONE SAVE ME!
SOMEONE!
DAMMIT!
SO KIND...!
OHHH!! AS EXPECTED OF LORD SAMA!


A LIGHT PUNISHMENT!!
WHAT KIND OF FUTURE IS WORKING FOREVER AS A SLAVE!!

AND...

AHRI!
YUNA!

KYLE-SAMA,
THE ONE THAT'S ALWAYS BESIDE HERO-SAMA?
KYAA! SO COOL
IT'S KYLE-SAMA!

EVEN IF YOU SAY SO, JUDGING FROM HIS ACTIONS AND APPEARANCE,
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN BE THE REAL HERO-SAMA.
MAYBE EVEN KYLE-SAMA IS MISTAKEN...

REAL?
HE WAS GENUINE AFTER ALL...?

WHY ISN'T THIS KYLE-SAMA,
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
I HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH MY FRIEND.
HE'S REAL, PLEASE FREE HIM.

HUGE SWORD...?

I'M SAVED!
OOOH!

I'VE HEARD THE STORY FROM ANKI
TAKE THE HOLY SWORD AND IMAGINE A HUGE SWORD!

THEN, I'LL JUST SHOW YOU SOME PROOF

WHOOOA!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS--!?
THEN HE IS REAL--?
ME TOO!
I SAW IT WITH MY VERY OWN EYES!
I SAW THIS DURING BATTLE. HERO SAMA USED HIS HUGE HOLY SWORD TO WIPE OUT THE ENTIRE DEMON FORCE!
THIS, IT'S THE REAL HOLY SWORD!

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EH?

EEEEHHH!?
WHAT IS THIS...
HEY,
NOW WHAT DO I DO?
I DON'T THINK THE ONE I SAW ON THE BATTLE FIELD WAS SO SQUISHY....
SO A FAKE APTE!! ALL...?
OI...
IT BENT...

WAIT A MOMENT!
HE IS JUST A FAKE
NO MATTER WHAT IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH EVIDENCE
IF HE CAN DEFEAT MORE DEMONS THAN EVERYONE ELSE, THEN THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PROVE THAT HE'S THE HERO!
THIS IS THE DEMON SUBJUGATION FORM FROM THE ADVENTURER'S GUILD!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
NO WAIT VLINA!

THIS WILL PROVE YOUR AUTHENTICITY!
LET US SEE WHAT YOU REALLY CAN DO!
OOOH! THAT'LL WORK!

PLEASE, DEFINITELY SHOW US.

INTERESTING

THE AMOUNT OF DEMONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE.....
DEPARTING TOMORROW

TO SUBDUE A NEST OF DEMONS ON A FORT NORTHEAST FROM HERE...
LET'S SEE...

I HAD NO CHOICE! I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE!
WHY WOULD YOU MAKE SUCH AN IDIOTIC DECLARATION!
ISN'T THIS IMPOSSIBLE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
MORE THAN 20...!
AAAAAH!
MY BODY IS ROTTING AND THE HOLY SWORD IS ALL SQUISHY ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION...!
YOU! STOP JOKING WITH ME! I'M IN THIS SITUATION ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!
OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IS ALL PART OF AN ADVENTURE WELL, PROBLEMS WILL ALWAYS BE SOLVED

THEREFORE I CAN CONCLUDE TO THIS HYPOTHESIS
ADDED ON WITH THE FACT THAT YOU ALSO NEED MANA TO MAINTAIN YOUR ZOMBIFIED BODY...
THE STRENGTH OF THE HOLY SWORD IS INFLUENCED BY THE MANA OF THE WIELDER...
THE HOLY SWORD INSTANTLY BECOMES ROCK SOLID AFTER YOU LET GO OF IT...
UHHH...

THAT TOUKA-DONO, YOUR MANA IS ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE!
WHAT!? WAIT A MINUTE!
DOESN'T THIS BODY BELONG TO THE HERO!? CAN'T YOU JUST RELEASE HIS POWER!?
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, MANA IS OBTAINED FROM YOUR SPIRIT.
IT MEANS THAT THIS IS THE EXTENT OF YOUR MANA

AH, IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW
TOUKA'S SPIRIT WAS ALWAYS ROTTEN
ROTTEN
I THOUGHT THE MAN WHO KILLED HERO-SAMA WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE HIGH MANA
D-DON'T JUST GO WITH THAT HYPOTHESIS!
MAYBE MY MANA WAS SO IMMENSE, IT SURPASSED THE SWORD'S CAPACITY THUS CAUSING IT TO BEND ...!
THEN, LET'S PERFORM A TEST

THIS IS A MANA CRYSTAL
THIS CRYSTAL IS USED TO RELEASE MAGIC POWERS SO IF YOU GRIP IT LIKE SO
IT WILL THEN GIVE OFF THIS LIGHT
AND THIS LIGHT SYMBOLIZES A PERSON'S MANA POWER.
AS EXPECTED OF ANRI EVEN YOUR LIGHT IS THIS POWERFUL.
GIMME
I'LL COVER THE ENTIRE WORLD IN MY LIGHT
MMM!
EH...
NOTHING HAPPENED!?
IS IT BROKEN ..?
NO I CAN SEE A VERY DIM LIGHT INSIDE THE CRYSTAL
SO SMALL!
-glitter
HMM...

TOUKA-DONO'S MANA LEVEL IS 1
LEVEL THAT OF AN INFANT'S.
HAHAHA! AH, IT'S TRUE, YOUR SPIRIT IS AN INFANT! NEVER REALLY DID IMPROVE!
HOW ABOUT YOU TRY.

YUNA-DONO'S POWER LEVEL IS 2.
THAT OF A CHILD'S
HAHAHA! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT ALL THAT DIFFERENT!
NO WAY! THIS MUST BE WRONG!
I TRAINED SWINGING MY SWORD EVERY DAY!
THAT'S TRAINING YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH, NOT YOUR MAGIC...

HOWEVER, THIS APPEARS TO BE A RATHER SERIOUS SITUATION.
NEEDLESS TO SAY YOU SHOULD NOT ENGAGE IN BATTLES.
AND IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR ROTTING, SOON, YOU'LL BE LEFT WITH ONLY BONES.
SO...
HOW ABOUT JUST LET ME BE THE HERO?

REALLY? WHAT A GOOD IDEA!
AHH, I CAN FINALLY GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL LIFE!
COMPARED I ALSO TO TOLIKA, AGREE! HE IS 1 MILLION TIMES MORE RELIABLE!
PLEASE ALSO LET ME TAG ALONG!
OF COURSE
EEH... YOU'RE ALSO GOING ? HOW ABOUT JUST GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE WITH ME ...?
HA?
NO
I DO NOT APPROVE OF KYLE-DONO BEING THE HERO
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, ALTHOUGH I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU RECOGNIZE MY STRENGTH
BUT ISN'T IT BETTER TO JUST GIVE IT TO THE GUY WHO WANTS TO DO IT?
WHAT HAPPENED 3 YEARS AGO,
YOU STILL CAN'T LET GO OF IT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME BECOMING THE HERO?
EH? WHAT HAPPENED 3 YEARS AGO ?
NO THESE ARE UNRELATED

HERO-DONO SAID, THE PERSON WHO CAN TAKE OVER AS THE HERO IS SOMEONE WHO CAN SAVE THE WORLD
A MAN MUST KILL THE HERO-SAMA, IF A MAN CANNOT KILL HERO-SAMA THEN THE MORE SUITABLE CANDIDATE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE THE FORMER.
N-NO...
I ALREADY SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
THEN
TO GAIN THE APPROVAL OF BECOMING THE HERO I'LL JUST HAVE TO KILL HIM
HA?

Episode 5 Expedition

AS IF. I WAS JUST KIDDING.
EH?

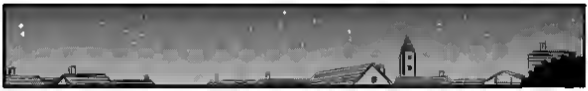
CAN'T BE HELPED
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIGHT BY YOUR SIDE DURING TOMORROW'S EXPEDITION.
BUT YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO FINISH THEM.

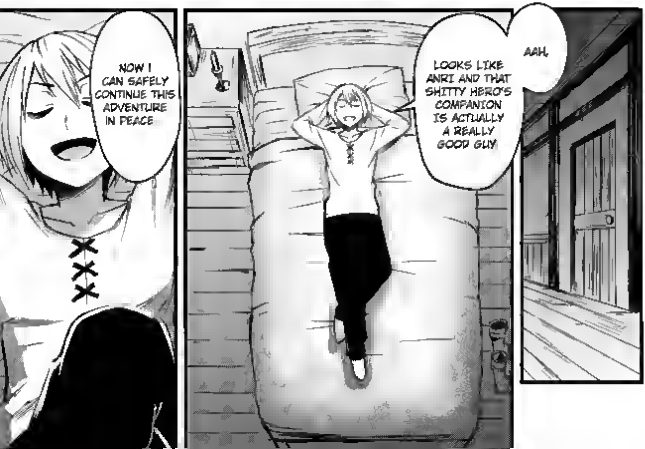
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA.
JUST THOUGHT IF I ACTED THIS WAY, MAYBE ANRI CAN COMPROMISE
AS EXPECTED I AM NO MATCH FOR ANRI'S STUBBORN-NESS

DON'T SPEAK ILL OF HER.

REALLY?
AAH, YOU SAVED ME!
SO YOU'RE OUR COMPANION! UNLIKE THAT EVIL BRAT, YOU'LL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

KYLE.
KYLE-SAN
WHETHER IT'S ANRI OR ME, THE FEELING OF WANTING TO SAVE THE WORLD IS THE SAME.
OKAY, SEE YOU TOMORROW.
WELL THEN, SINCE I'M STAYING AT ANOTHER INN,
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER TOMOR-ROW.




NOW I CAN SAFELY CONTINUE THIS ADVENTURE IN PEACE
LOOKS LIKE ANRI AND THAT SHITTY HERO'S COMPANION IS ACTUALLY A REALLY GOOD GUY.
AAH.

I WAS ABOUT TO BE KILLED AND YET SHE JUST STOOD THERE AND DID NOTHING!
THAT DAMN BRAT!
...AS IF I WOULD THINK THAT!
EVEN IF I LIVE TO SEE TOMORROW, FOR SURE I'LL BE KILLED ONE DAY!!
MY ORIGINAL BODY!
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GET IT BACK!
CREAK

ALRIGHT! THEY DIDN'T NOTICE
RATHER YOU SLEEP LIKE AN OLD MAN
NOW, HOW DO I GO ABOUT TAKING THAT OFF...
AFTER I GET MY BODY BACK, THEN ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO FIND OUT HOW TO CHANGE MYSELF BACK
I'M SURE THAT KYLE WILL BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING
NN..
CALM...
I NEED TO... CALM DOWN...
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE DISTRACTED...!
WH-!!
THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!
...
... NEED TO FOCUS!

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A SWEET DREAM TONIGHT
OKAY, I THINK IT'S JOB WELL DONE
FUU...
RATHER I'M AN IDIOT!
I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE BACK MY BODY!
AS EXPECTED, ONLY KNEE SOCKS CAN DRAW OUT THE MAXIMUN APPEAL OF THIGHS.
A THIEF AT THIS HOUR!?
DAMN IT...!
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CREAK CREAK

KYLE...?
SHOULD I STOP HIM...?
BUT IF I DO THEN I'M ALSO GUILTY OF BREAKING IN.
WHAT A VULGAR MAN, I MISJUDGED HIM!
DAMN IT!
IS THAT GUY GOING TO ATTACK YUNA WHEN SHE'S ASLEEP?
BUT...
OVER THERE!?
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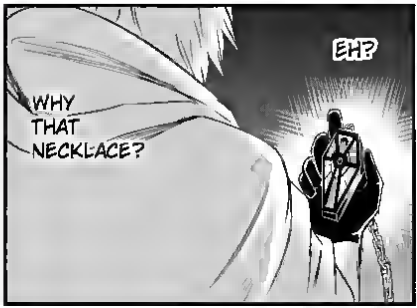
NOO!
ANRI-DAAAN! LET'S GET MARRIED.
DON'T TELL ME THIS WAS THE REASON THEY STILL COULDN'T MAKE UP AFTER 3 YEARS!
IT'S TRUE, BEING A LOLI-CON IS REALLY UNHERO-LIKE!
THAT GUY PROPOSED TO ANRI AND GOT REJECTED!
THAT GUY, WAS A LOLICON!?


EH?
WHY THAT NECKLACE?

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THE OTHER,
DESTORY YOUR ORIGINAL BODY.

DON'T TELL ME!...

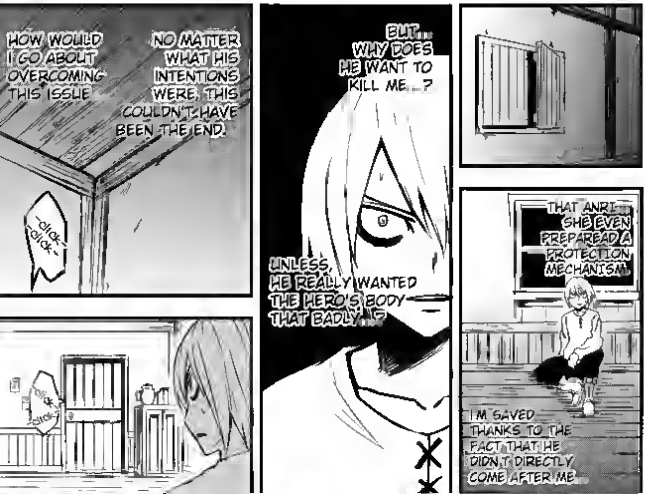
THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO KILL YOU.
ONE, DESTORY YOUR HEAD WHERE ALL THE SPIRIT GATHER, WITH A MAGIC SPELL.

HE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT KILLING ME
SHIT
AS IF I'D LET YOU!

SHOCK WAVE.
A TRAP, HUH!

THE DEFENSE MAGIC I PUT ON THE LIVING COFFIN WAS ACTIVATED
WHAT WAS THAT!?
EH.. WAIT...

WAIT!
THE CRIMINAL SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR YET
SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE TRIED TO STEAL IT
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH


HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT OVERCOMING THIS ISSUE
NO MATTER WHAT HIS INTENTIONS WERE, THIS COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE END.
-click-
-click-
BUT... WHY DOES HE WANT TO KILL ME...?
UNLESS, HE REALLY WANTED THE HERO'S BODY THAT BADLY...?
THAT ANRI SHE EVEN PREPARED A PROTECTION MECHANISM
I'M SAVED THANKS TO THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T DIRECTLY COME AFTER ME

I THINK YOU KNOW FULL WELL
WHAT HAPPENED
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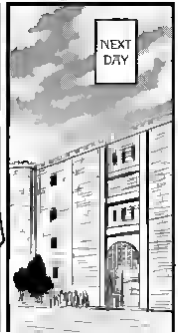
YUNA.

WHAT HAPPENED?

OH CRAP... I FORGOT

FROM NOW, WE'LL BE HEADING TO SUBDUE THE DEMON NEST NORTHEAST FROM HERE!


NEXT DAY

DIE!
PER-VERT!
IDIOT!
GYYAAA-AAA!!

I'VE HEARD VILLAGES AROUND THE FORT WERE ALREADY RAVAGED BY THE DEMONS!
THIS AREA WILL FOR SURE BE EXPOSED TO DANGER IF THEIR RAMPAGE IS NOT STOPPED!

HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO NEED TO PANIC!
THIS TIME, WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY HERO SAMA AND KYLE-SAMA!
YES!
OUR SUCCESS IN THIS OPERATION IS GUARANTEED!

I WISH FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY AND RETURN WITHOUT A SINGLE CASUALTY!
I THINK THERE'S ALREADY A CASUALTY
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HE EVEN LOOKS MORE LIKE AN IMPOSTER THAN YESTERDAY!
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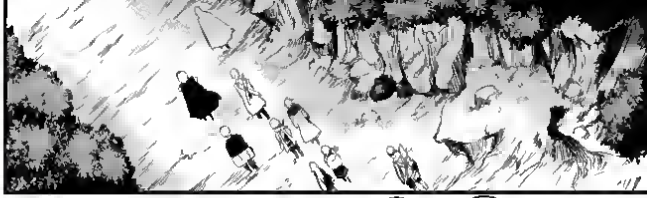
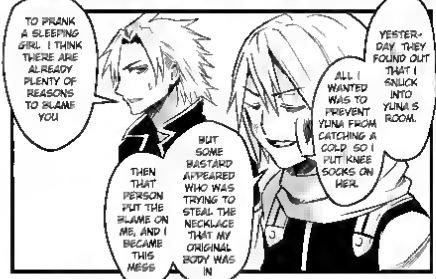
THE HERO IS JUST A FAKE!
WHAT GUARANTEE!




TO PRANK A SLEEPING GIRL. I THINK THERE ARE ALREADY PLENTY OF REASONS TO BLAME YOU
YESTERDAY THEY FOUND OUT THAT I SNUCK INTO YUNA'S ROOM.
ALL I WANTED WAS TO PREVENT YUNA FROM CATCHING A COLD SO I PUT KNEE SOCKS ON HER.
BUT SOME BASTARD APPEARED WHO WAS TRYING TO STEAL THE NECKLACE THAT MY ORIGINAL BODY WAS IN
THEN THAT PERSON PUT THE BLAME ON ME, AND I BECAME THIS MESS

YOU LOOK REALLY BAD
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I SEE...
I LEFT IMMEDIATELY AFTER I PUT THE KNEE SOCKS ON HER.
NO IDEA

CAN YOU THINK OF ANYONE SUSPICIOUS?
I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE PERSON THAT TRIED TO STEAL YOUR BODY
HOWEVER...

OOH- I'M COUNTING ON YOU
AFTER WE FINISH THIS EXPEDITION, I'LL LOOK INTO THIS.
WE CAN'T JUST LET THIS SLIDE.

BUT
LOOKS LIKE HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT I SAW HIM.
WELL, IF HE DID SEE ME, THEN HE WOULD HAVE CAME TO KILL ME YESTERDAY. THAT MUCH IS OBVIOUS
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKING INTO?
THE GODDAMN CULPRIT IS YOU!
IT'LL BE SO MUCH HARDER TO USE THE HERO'S BODY
AND HIS PLANS WOULD FAIL IF THE NEWS THAT THE HERO IS DEAD WERE TO SPREAD.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL ATTACK ME WITH THIS MANY EYE-WITNESSES IN THE PUBLIC...
IF HE WERE TO KILL THE HERO HERE, THEN HIS LIFE WOULD ALSO BE OVER.
BUT IF HE CAN'T DESTROY THE NECKLACE, THEN HE WOULD COME AFTER ME NEXT!
JUST A MATTER OF WHEN HE'LL TAKE ACTION.
IN OTHER WORDS, AS LONG AS I DON'T SOMEHOW END UP ALONE WITH THIS GUY, HE CAN'T KILL ME!

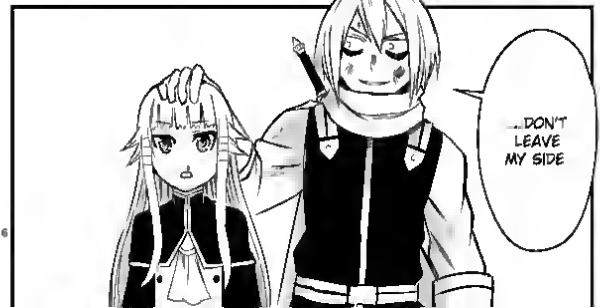
HEHE...
YOU EVIL BASTARD, JUST ACT ACCORDINGLY TO MY PLAN.
AFTER THE DEMON SUBJUGATION, I WILL TELL YUNA AND ANRI EVERYTHING, THEN I CAN BID YOU FAREWELL!
YOU WILL ABSOLUTELY NOT GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO KILL ME!

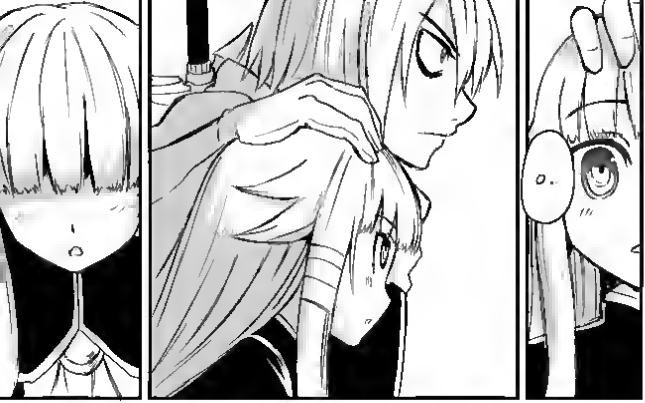
WHAT IS IT, TOUKA-DONO?

-PAT-

AAH WHAT A PERFECT PLAN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
FUHAHAHAHA!

BUT JUST IN CASE, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THE NECK-LACE IS ALSO PROTECTED!!
BY ALWAYS STAYING BESIDE ANRI I CAN AVOID A LOT OF RISKS!
OI! ANRI!


...DON'T LEAVE MY SIDE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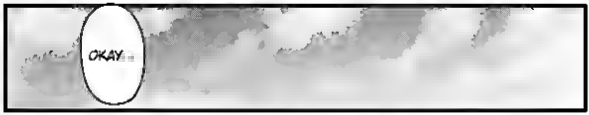
OKAY...

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S-SO NERVE-RACK-ING...

THIS IS THE DEMON NEST...

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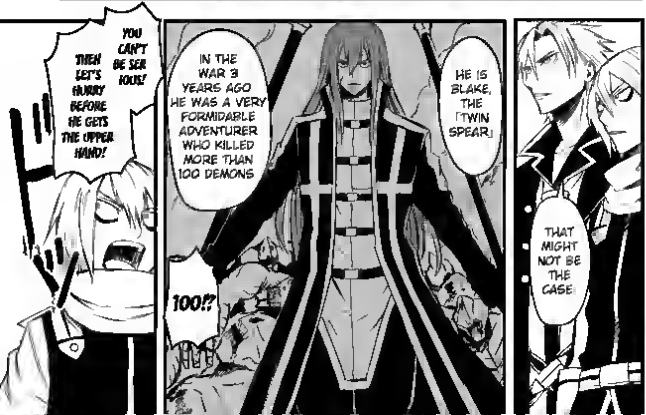
THIS TIME, NO PRO-BLEM!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE SCARED AGAIN

I'LL QUICKLY FINISH THIS AND COME BACK TO PEEL OFF THAT FAKE HERO'S MASK.
NOW...
FROM HERE ON, I'LL PROCEED ONWARDS BY MYSELF.
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, IT'S PEOPLE WHO LEAVE THE GROUP THAT WILL BE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO DEATH
OI, OI, DIDN'T WE AGREE TO STICK TOGETHER AND NOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY?


YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
THEN LET'S INJURY BEFORE HE GETS THE UPPER HAND!
IN THE WAR 3 YEARS AGO HE WAS A VERY FORMIDABLE ADVENTURER WHO KILLED MORE THAN 100 DEMONS
100!?
HE IS BLAKE, THE 「TWIN SPEAR」
THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE CASE

☆ BLAKE, HONOURABLE EARLY DEATH!!!
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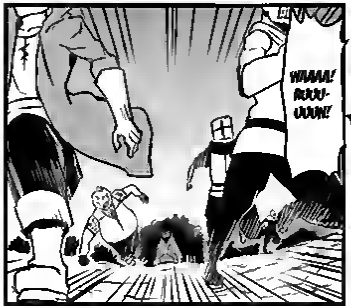
LITTLE PEONS ARE BEST EATEN ALIVE~
GOOD, REALLY GOOD~ STILL NOT DEAD~
O HO HO HO~
A..
ACK
THAT GUY CAN USE MAGIC...
BE CARE-FUL...
THE BLACK HEAD SHOWS THAT IT'S AN INTER-MEDIATE LEVEL DEMON...!
AAH..
THAT DEMON... MAYBE IT'S SUPER STRONG!?
A LIE, RIGHT... THAT'S THE GUY THAT KILLED OVER 100 DEMONS!?
IT VANISHED!?

AGH!
GAH!
GUH!


WHAAAA! RUUU-UUUN!

WE'RE BEING COMP-LETELY ANNIH-ILATED HERE!
WE STAND NO CHANCE AT ALL!
THAT DEMON CAN USE MAGIC TO HIDE ITS TRACE!
AAH!
WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY!

TOUKA RAN TOO!!
... WAIT,

EVERY-ONE IS RUNNING AWAY!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

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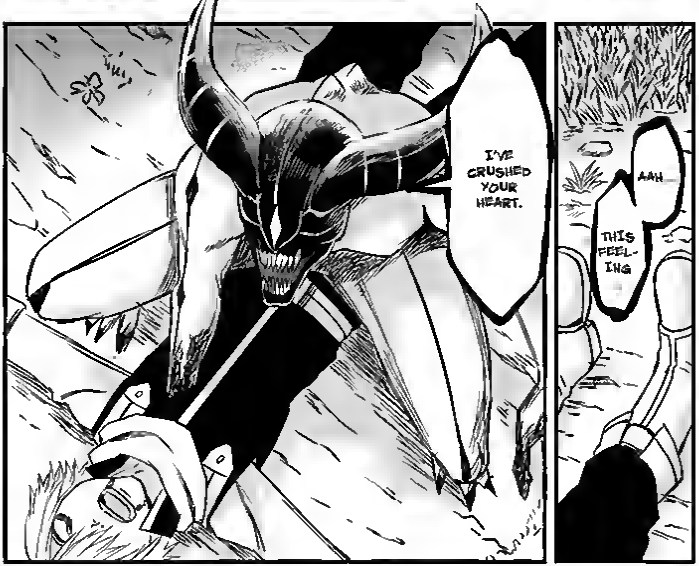
IT'S OKAY, I'LL JUST BE A FUGITIVE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN DYING HERE!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO WIN AGAINST THAT THING!
YUUI! ANRI! YOU GUYS SHOULD RUN TOO!



Episode 6　Demon's Heart

I THOUGHT EVERYONE ALREADY RAN AWAY.
OH HO HO HO.
TOUKA...!
NO WAY...
TOU-KAMA...!
HE'S ALREADY AT DEATH'S DOOR...
NO GOOD~ THIS PERSON IS NO GOOD~
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S STILL FOOD REMAINING.
GOOD, GOOD~
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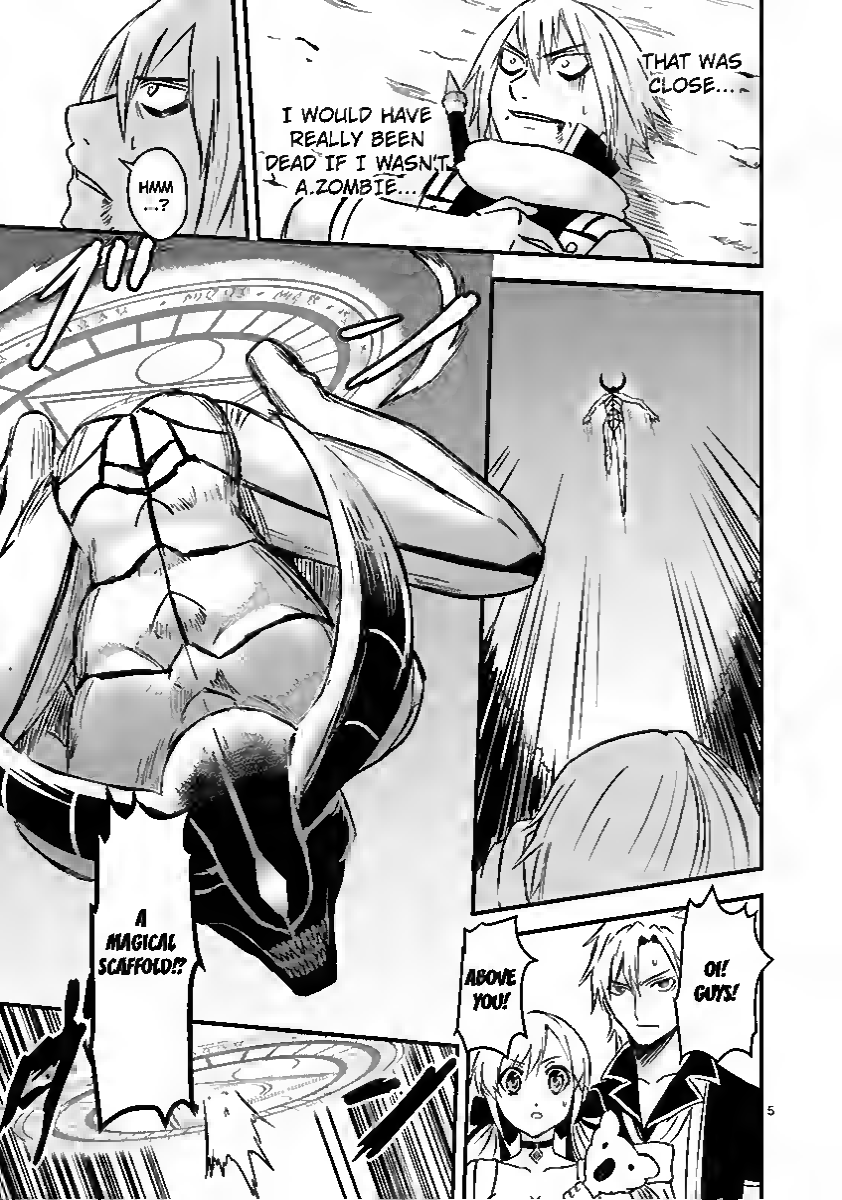
HERE I COME~!
IT VANISHED AGAIN!


THAT WAS CLOSE...
I WOULD HAVE REALLY BEEN DEAD IF I WASN'T A ZOMBIE...
HMM ...?
A MAGICAL SCAFFOLD!?
ABOVE YOU!
OI! GUYS!

I SEE...
SO YOU ATTACK AT REALLY HIGH SPEED BY FALLING
OH HOHO HO~!
IT ALSO INCREASE MY JUMPING POWER~!
BUT EVEN WITHOUT THAT, MY LEG STRENGTH IS MUCH GREATER THAN YOU LITTLE PEONS ~!
NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY SECRET, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I CAN'T BE CAUGHT ~!

NO
IT'S OVER FOR YOU
「EIN ACTRESS」
EH?
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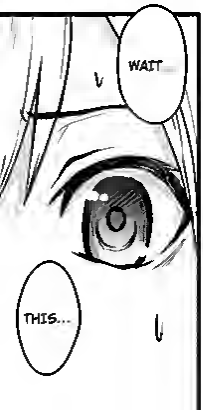
MY LEGS!
BECOME MINCE MEAT.

I'M GATHERING THE EVIDANCE THAT WE'VE DEFEATED THE DEMON.

AS EXPECTED OF KYLE-SAN! YOUR MAGIC WAS AMAZING!
...BUT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AMAZING!
THAT DISAPPEARING DEMON WAS DEFEATED!

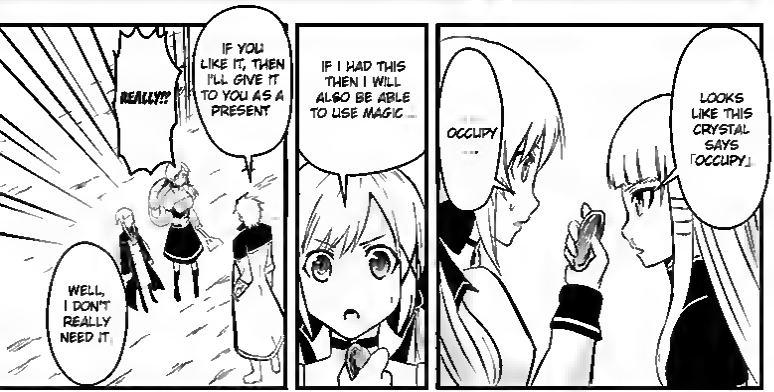

WAIT...
THIS...

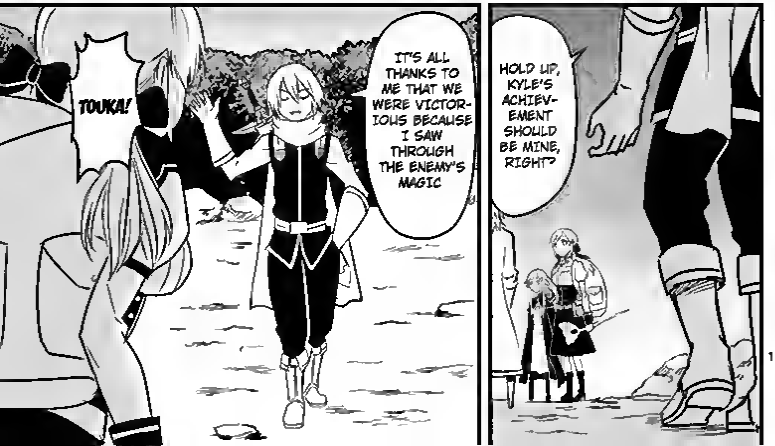
EEEK!
THE HEART OF THE DEMON

ISN'T THIS THE MANA CRYSTAL!?
EH
AAH... YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
MANA CRYSTALS ARE JUST DEMON HEARTS...
EEH!
SO THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE!
THIS PATTERN...
WAS IT ON THE OTHER MANA CRYSTAL...?
DEMON'S INSCRIPTION...
ARE INCANTATIONS

IF YOU RECITE THE INCANTATION IN YOUR MIND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE SAME MAGIC AS THE DEMON BEFORE.
THE EFFECT OF THE UNLEASHED MAGIC WILL DEPEND ON THE USER'S MANA.
EEH!? IS IT REALLY THAT EASY TO USE!?

NO, NO THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS THAT CAN'T BE USED THIS WAY.
MAGIC ORIGINATED FROM DEMON'S INSCRIPTIONS
EEH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!
..., YOU, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE AN ASPIRING MAGICIAN ...?


LOOKS LIKE THIS CRYSTAL SAYS「OCCUPY」
OCCUPY ...
IF I HAD THIS THEN I WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO USE MAGIC ...
IF YOU LIKE IT, THEN I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AS A PRESENT
REALLY!?
WELL, I DON'T REALLY NEED IT


HOLD UP, KYLE'S ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD BE MINE, RIGHT?
IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME THAT WE WERE VICTORIOUS BECAUSE I SAW THROUGH THE ENEMY'S MAGIC
TOUKA!

IT'S NOT ONLY US HERE, THERE ARE SO MANY EVENT-MESSES!
LOOK AROUND YOU, IT'S USELESS TO CLAIM VICTORY!
..YOU TRIED TO RUN AWAY FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU STILL HAVE THE FACE TO SAY SUCH A THING!
NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THOSE WHO WERE DEFEATED
HA!
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LOOK AT THAT, THEY CAME BACK JUST IN TIME!
OH!
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HERO, YOU SAY...
HERO...
I'M THE REAL HERO!
I'VE DEFEATED THE DEMON!
OI! GUYS!

DID THE PEONS GET HIM...?
KILLED THE DEMON...?
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LET'S START WITH THE HERO!
THE WORTHLESS SMALL FRIES ARE RUNNING AWAY!

DEMONS ARE COMING!
AAAAAH!
EVERYONE COME BACK, THERE'S NO NEED TO RUN!
I-IT'S OKAY!
L-LET'S COMBINE OUR POWERS AND DEFEAT THE ENEMIES!
WHATEVER THE REASON, THEY'RE OVERWHELMING US WITH THEIR NUMBERS
SOMETIMES, THE DEMONS ALL LIKE TO GO OUT OCCASIONALLY—
OR THEY NOTICED WE WERE HERE.
YOU'RE KIDDING MEEEE!
HERO-SAMA IS THE BEEEEEST!
YOU WERE THE GENUINE HERO-SAMA AFTER ALL!
AS EXPECTED OF HERO SAMA!
TO RISK YOUR LIFE TO BECOME A DECOY TO SAVE US!
FUUU- WE'RE SAVED!
WHY AM I ONLY A HERO AT TIMES LIKE THESE!
THEN MY ONLY OPTION IS TO RUN AWAY!
IF THIS IS HOW YOU WANT TO PLAY
DAMN IT—

RUNNING AWAY... BUT THAT WAY IS TOWARDS THE DEMON FORT!
WAIT!
WE'LL ONLY BE CORNERED!
BUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FORT IS JUST THE SEA!
THAT MEANS, THE FORT SHOULD BE COMPLETELY EMPTY!
WE'RE PROBABLY BEING CHASED BY 20 OF THOSE GUYS!
IS THAT RIGHT, TOUKA-KUN?
THE PASSAGEWAYS INSIDE THE FORT SHOULD BE NARROW, SO IF WE LURE THEM INTO THE FORT, THEY CANNOT ALL ATTACK AT ONCE!
NO...
THE HERO IS AN AMAZING STRATEGIST!
I SEE! OF COURSE! TOUKA-DONO!
WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

IT'S ENOUGH TO JUST THINK ABOUT HOW TO ESCAPE!
FU... THIS PLAN IS TOO PERFECT!
SEEMS LIKE I'M AN EVEN BETTER STRATEGIST THAN THE HERO!
BUT IT'S STILL CONVENIENT THAT KYLE IS GOING TO FIGHT.
THIS GUY WILL LURE THEM ALL AWAY, WHILE THE REST OF US ESCAPE!

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WELCOME HUMANS.
TO OUR DINING ROOM!
WHY THE HELL ARE THESE GUYS HERE!?
EEEEEHM!

THIS NUMBER IS INDEED UNEXPECTED
BEHIND AND IN FRONT, TOTALING TO 30.
WE'RE SURR-OUNDED!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE EATEN HERE.
HE HE.H
WAAAAAAA!!
IT'S ALL OVER!!
WHERE DID THE EARLIER YOU THAT WAS RELIABLE GO!
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS OUR END!
WE'LL ALSO DIE JUST LIKE THAT!
LOOK. THERE ARE CORPSES EVERY-WHERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE LOTS HERE.
HMM

PLEASE FORGIVE ME....
THE SOULS OF THOSE CONSUMED BY THE DEMONS ...
FOR PERFORMING THIS SINFUL ACT.
I'VE ALSO AWAKEN TO A MYSTERIOUS POWER THAT IS UNRIVALED IN THE FUTULE. I CAN SEE IT.
HE.HE..
I UNDERSTAND.. I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THAT FEELING..
HE.HEE.. AHH.. ARE YOU ALSO ESCAPING FROM REALITY..?
「EIN GUAGE」
AND, HERE'S ANOTHER NECROMANCY SPELL
THIS IS THE SAME SPELL I'VE USED ON TOUKA-DONO

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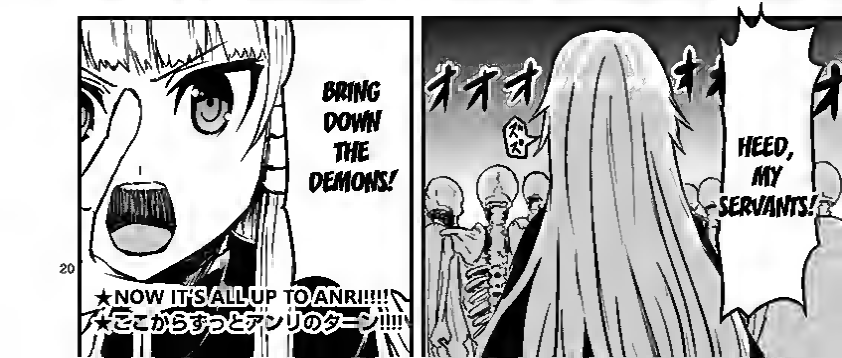
「REMOTE NECROMANCY!」


HEED, MY SERVANTS!
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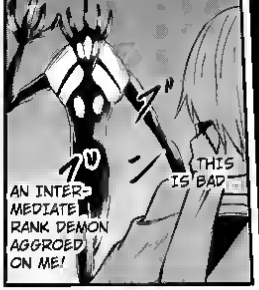
BRING DOWN THE DEMONS!
★NOW IT'S ALL UP TO ANRI!!!!!
★ここからずっとアンリのターン!!!!

Episode 7 Shapeshifting

EIN
GRENDEL
NOT A PROBLEM.

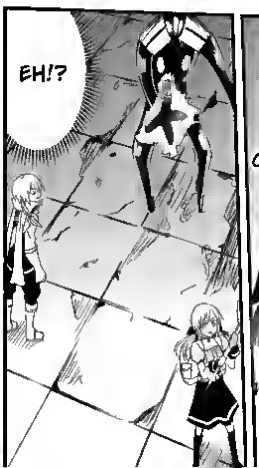
AFTER ANRI CAST THE MAGIC. ALL THE SKELETONS WILL GAIN THE SAME STATUS EFFECT AT THE SAME TIME
ANRI AND THE SKELETONS ARE LINKED BY AN INVISIBLE MAGICAL THREAD
IT'S BODY STRENG-THENING MAGIC
OOOH! THEY'VE BECAME STRONGER!
THEN, AGAIN, WE STILL HAVEN'T DIRECTLY CONFRONTED A DEMON YET
WE AGREED TO NOT FIGHT ...!
O-O! ...!
LET'S HELP HER!
BUT THE MANA CONSUMP-TION IS SUBSTAN-TIAL.
SHIT
EVEN IF I JOIN THE FIGHT THOSE GUYS
CAN WE REALLY WIN AGAINST THOSE GUYS
EH?
YUINA IS SO USELESS!
I CAN WIN
IT'S OKAY
CALM DOWN
ME


AN INTER-MEDIATE RANK DEMON AGGROED ON ME!
THIS IS BAD!

I'D BE INSTA-KILLED IF IT GETS ON MY HEAD!
IS THIS DISINTE-GRATING FLUID ITS MAGIC!?

MYYY AAARRRMM!!
IYAAAAAA!!

SHIT!
YUMI!
AVOID IT!


EH!?

IT'S COMING!
THIS IS BAD!

YUNA BECAME BONES
NO WAY
WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS!!
I YAAAAAAA!!

A GENTLE-MAN ...!
I LIKE...
GIRL NAKED..
GUHI GUHIHI...
THAT DEMON IS...
WH-WHAAAAT!!
HOW COME ONLY THE CLOTHES WERE DISINTEGRATED!?
IT'S BAD BE TO SEPERATED
OI! YUNA!
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IYAAAAA!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!
IS IT OKAY TO TAKE MY EYES OFF OF KYLE...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
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IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!!
NO...
NOW IS THE TIME TO CHASE AFTER YUNA!

WHY...
AM I ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
UU...
MY BODY WOULD FREEZE EVERY TIME I SEE A DEMON
AT THIS RATE, I'LL JUST BE A NUISANCE TO TOUKA...
HAA
W-WAIT!
JUST IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, I'VE BROUGHT YOU A SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES!
REALLY?
WAIT! IT'S ME! NOT THE DEMON!
DON'T LOOOOK!
KYAAAAA!!
YOU CALLED?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!
OR... DO YOU PREFER MY JACKET THAT HAS MY ROTTEN SMELL?
STILL BETTER THAN NOTHING, RIGHT?
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...WHAT IS THIS...
THIS IS JUST A SWIMSUIT!
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I-IT'S COMING!?
W-WHAT SHOULD I DO...!?
GIHIHI NAKED GIRL... WHERE ARE YOU...?
SHAPESHIFT...
INTO A WHIP...!

THIS... WHY DIDN'T IT BECOME THE HUGE SWORD!?
APPARENTLY IT SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO ANYTHING I IMAGINE IN MY HEAD
WELL, IT ONLY CHANGED IN FORM.
IT'S STILL AS FLOPPY AS EVER...
I'M NOT PLAYING AROUND, I'M RISKING MY LIFE HERE
I'VE WOKE UP EARLY TODAY MORNING AND DID VARIOUS PREPARATIONS BEFORE COMING HERE
YUNA, YOU TOO, DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED NOW, JUST PREPARE TO FIGHT THESE DEMONS
...
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN BEATING ME UP.
SO, WINNING AGAINST DEMONS WOULD BE VERY EASY.
TOUKA, WHAT'RE YOU SAYING...
YOU'RE MAKING ME ANGRY

I FOUND YOU...
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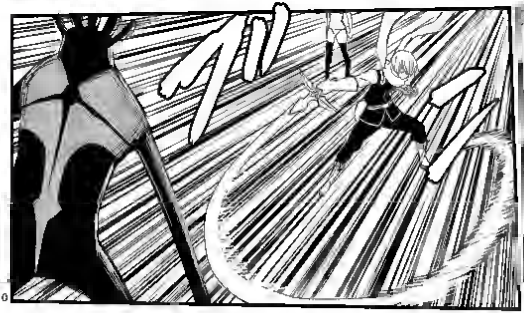
GU HI HI HI...



WHY YOU CAN'T USE YOUR INSANE CREATION FLAIR!
I'VE STOPPED YOU FROM MOVING!
THIS SQUISHY...
I HI HI!
WHAT...!?
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GUU!
THE MOMENT I LET IT GO, IT'LL GO BACK TO BEING ROCK SOLID!
AND IT'LL TAKE AROUND A MINUTE TO TAKE EFFECT...
DIDN'T ANRI SAY SO?
EH!?
WHAT HAPP ENED!?
GET HIM!
NOW'S THE CHANCE!
HUH? YUNA!

DAMN IT... TO WEAR ONLY KNEE SOCKS...
THIS GUY HE UNDERSTANDS
HE'S A TRUE GENTLEMAN!
BARE KNEE SOCKS... I WANNA SEE...
GIRL... CLOTHES MELT...
BARE KNEE SOCKS YOU SAY!?
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KNEE SOCKS
* Bare knee socks as in naked wearing nothing but knee socks
THIS DEMON ...
IS OUR FRIEND!
STOP!
WHAT FRIEND
WHAT BARE KNEE SOCKS
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I'M SERIOUSLY TROUBLED OVER HERE!!
EIN
OCCUPY!
BOTH OF YOU ARE...

ENEMIES!!

I DID IT...
THIS ANNOYING WOMAN, JUST SHUT UP...
BARE KNEE SOCKS...
Y-YOU'LL IDIOT...
I'VE DEFEATED THE DEMON!
I REALLY DID IT!
WHAT, LOOKS LIKE DEMONS ARE UNEXPECTEDLY WEAK!
OR MAYBE I JUST HAVE AN AMAZING TALENT AS A MAGICIAN?

YUNA!!
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GOOD GRIEF...
I FINALLY FOUND A CHANCE TO SEE YOU.
WELL, TOUKA-KUN.
IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR YOU TO DIE FOR GOOD.
★THIS MAN IS THE REAL ENEMY...!!
★この男こそ本当の敵…!!

EPISODE 8 HUMAN WORTH

HAA!
ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE PERSON THAT TRIED TO KILL ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TURNED INTO A GOOD GUY.
OH,
SO YOU'VE NOTICED.
STILL, TO REMAIN SILENT WERE YOU TRYING TO USE ME?
VERY WISE JUDGEMENT FROM SOMEONE WITH A MAGIC POWER LEVEL OF 1.
BESIDES...
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, PEOPLE WOULD OBVIOUSLY TRUST ME.
WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR SHITTY TRUST
I, ALONE, WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BE YOUR OPPONENT!

GOTCHA!
I'LL JUST PUSH YOU OFF THE CLIFF LIKE THIS!

HAHAHA... WORRY NOT IT WILL REVERT BACK ONCE YOU FILL IT WITH MANA.
RATHER, IT'S NECESSARY TO DO SO
EEEEH!? T-THE HOLY SWORD ...!!
BUT TO LET IT HARDEN AFTER YOU LET GO
QUITE AN INTERESTING IDEA.
HOWEVER... THE MORE IT STRETCHES, THE MORE POWER IT WILL LOSE
LIKE THIS.
NO WAY
BUT THE DEMON WAS CAUGHT BY IT!
DON'T COMPARE ME TO SUCH A SMALL FRY.

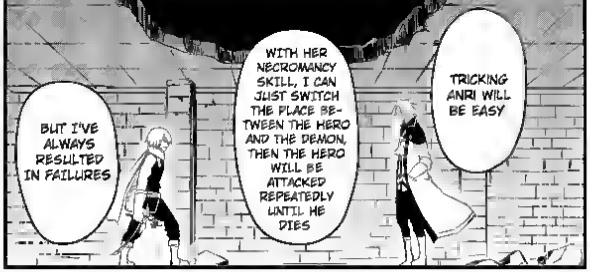
I WAS ONE OF THE HERO'S COMRADE
I WAS ONE OF THE HEROES, YOU KNOW.
HA.
HAHA.
HA HA HA !!
THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS ONLY ONE OF HIS COMRADE
THAT WAS ALL THERE IS TO IT.....
I AM NOT THE HERO!
A PERSON'S WORTH IS DECIDED AT THE VERY MOMENT THEY WERE BORN.
AH..?
I WAS...
SUPPOSED TO BE BORN WITH EVERY-THING...

I AM... THE ELDEST SON OF A FAMOUS NOBLEMAN, WITH THE MOST HANDSOME APPEARANCE AND TALENTED SKILLS THAT WOULD BE ENVIED BY EVERYONE.
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS I WOULD ALWAYS COME IN FIRST
NO MATTER WHAT TIME IT IS I WOULD ALWAYS BE THE CENTER OF EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.
I WAS REVERED AS IF I WAS A DESCENDANT OF GOD

THAT'S WHY, ON THAT DAY...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO PULL OUT THE HOLY SWORD
EVERYONE KNEW AND BELIEVED IN ME WITHOUT A DOUBT.
OTHER THAN ME, THERE WAS SIMPLY NO ONE ELSE WORTHY OF IT.

IT'S NOT COMING OUT!
WHY! WHY CAN'T I PULL IT OUT!?

AND CHARISMA THAT'D ATTRACT ANYONE...
WITH PHYSICAL ABILITIES AND A SENSE OF BATTLE THAT FAR SURPASSES THAT OF A HUMAN...
BUT AN EXISTENCE ABOVE ME APPEARED
IT WAS SHION.
HE WAS DEFINITELY THE HUMAN THAT SHOULD BE CHOSEN BY THE HOLY SWORD
IF MY CURRENT BODY CANNOT REACH WHERE HE IS,
THAT'S WHY I'VE MADE THE DECISION WHEN ANRI JOINED THE [illegible]
THEN, I SHOULD JUST BECOME THE HERO HIMSELF.


TRICKING ANRI WILL BE EASY
WITH HER NECROMANCY SKILL, I CAN JUST SWITCH THE PLACE BETWEEN THE HERO AND THE DEMON. THEN THE HERO WILL BE ATTACKED REPEATEDLY UNTIL HE DIES
BUT I'VE ALWAYS RESULTED IN FAILURES

THAT'S WHY,
FINALLY
THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
I CAN FINALLY BECOME THE PERFECT EXISTENCE

I SEE
SO DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING LOVE AND ADMIRATION YOU HELD FOR HERO-SAMA, YOU WANTED TO BECOME HERO-SAMA HIMSELF
SO YOU WERE JUST GAY.

I'VE HEARD YOUR STORY
AH, THAT'S NOT IT
YOU!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR MY STORY!?
INDEED QUITE THE NOBLE WAY OF THINKING
OUR WORTH IS DETERMINED AT BIRTH.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S A FACT THAT'S TOO DIFFICULT FOR A FAILURE LIKE YOU TO ACCEPT.
THIS IS MERELY THE TRUTH.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE THE HERO'S BODY—
INSIDES!
LEG!
HAND!

HA..
FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE YOU SHOULD JUST DIE
YOU WORTH LESS THAN TRASH, YOU ARE UNSUITED TO BE THE HERO
I AM THE SON OF A ROGUE MERCENARY.
NEVER RECEIVED DECENT EDUCATION
NOR DO I HAVE ANY GODSENT TALENT.
MOREOVER, MY MANA POWER IS THAT OF AN INFANT'S
I AM THE USELESS TRASH YOU'RE CALLING ME
HOWEVER
NO MATTER HOW OTHERS SEES ME,
I DON'T HATE MYSELF.
I WILL FIND MY OWN WORTH AND VALUES
AND I FIND ACQUIRING THE HERO'S BODY TO BE A MISFORTUNE

THE DIFFICULTIES WE'VE EXPERIENCED ARE INCOMPARABLE.
YOU WANT TO BECOME THE PERFECT EXISTENCE JUST BY BEING THE HERO?
A MAN WHO ABANDONS HIMSELF,
DESERVES TO BE LOOKED DOWN UPON!
HAHAA
WHAT A LAUGHABLE SPEECH.
COMPLETELY DIDN'T REACH ME AT ALL.
THOSE WERE YOUR LAST WORDS?

HOW ABOUT THIS?
DID THIS INAUDIBLE SPEECH REACH YOU?
YUNA!
WHY!
WHY ARE YOU STILL CONSCIOUS—!?
I'VE BEEN TRAINING DIFFERENTLY!
REALLY
EVEN IF YOU SAY DIFFERENT IN REALITY, YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE A MAGICIAN.

EVEN IF YOU WORTHLESS BUNCH GATHER TOGETHER, I CAN STILL EASILY...
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST STAYED ASLEEP
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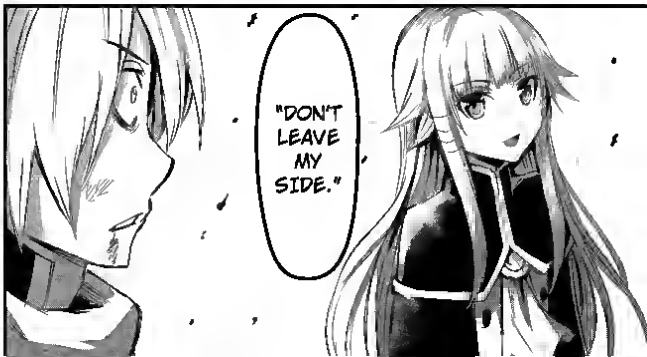
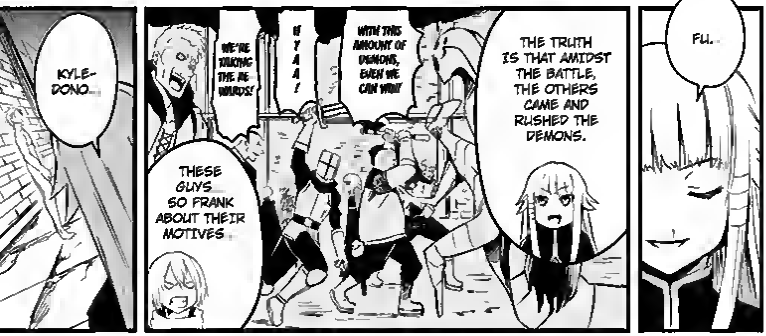
WHAT IS THIS!!
IYAAAAA!!



■NEXT TIME, STORY AND SERVICE SCENES REACHES CLIMAX!!!

EPISODE 9 ANRI'S HEART


KYLE-DONO...
THESE GUYS SO FRANK ABOUT THEIR MOTIVES
WE'RE TALKING THE AE HOUSES!
HYAA!
WITH THIS AMOUNT OF DEMONS, EVEN WE CAN WIN!
THE TRUTH IS THAT AMIDST THE BATTLE, THE OTHERS CAME AND RUSHED THE DEMONS.
FU...

WE WILL OVERLOOK THIS INCIDENT IF YOU CAN LET THIS GO.
I'VE REPEATED THIS MANY TIMES, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTIONS ON TRANSFER-RING YOU INTO THE HERO'S BODY

HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BE ASKING ME TO LET YOU GUYS GO!
THOSE WERE SOME NICE WORDS YOU'VE SAID!
WHA HA!!
YOU GUYS FROM THE NECROMANCER TRIBE ARE NOT EVEN HUMAN...
I FOR-GOT.
BUT.
IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THINKING
TO GAIN YOUR APPROVAL TO BECOME THE HERO.
THE REASON WHY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN DOING THINGS IN SUCH A ROUNDABOUT WAY WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU
I LOVE GIRLS
ANRI'S HEART IS JUST A MANA CRYSTAL.

YOU'RE JUST A DEMON HIDING UNDER HUMAN SKIN.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH LOVE I GIVE YOU, YOU'RE JUST A DEMON GIRL AFTER ALL

THEREFORE, I'VE DE-CIDED TO KILL YOU.

EH?
EH
DEMON

YOUR HEART WILL FINALLY BE MINE AFTER I KILL YOU.
HA!
WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU UTTERING WHILE COMPLETELY NAKED WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE HERE!
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THERE'S THREE OF US ALONG WITH THE DEMON, AND DON'T FORGET THE ARMY OF SKELETON WARRIORS!
HAHAHA!
AS EXPECTED OF ANRI, THAT MANA CAPACITY IS JUST LIKE YOU!
WAIT, EH..?
THE SKELETON WARRIORS ARE...?
EH..?
THEY'RE GONE

YOU WILL ALWAYS FALL BENEATH MY FEET FOR I AM GRACED BY GODS.
WELL, NO MATTER WHAT YOU FAILURES DO,
SWORDS
SO MANY SWORDS...!
HAA
SO, THEY'RE COMING
THEN, I GUESS WE CAN ONLY
RUN!!
.....

WHAT!
THOSE SWORDS, THEY FLY WAY FASTER THAN US!
WHY ARE WE RUNNING!
WE STAND NO CHANCE AGAINST THOSE NUMBERS!
NAKED KNEE SOOOOCKS!
EH
WHY!?
YOUR DREAM...
IT CAME TRUE...!

NOT AGAIN!
SHIT!
THEY DODGED IT!
WHAT!
THEY'RE GONE!?
BUT HOW IT'S A STRAIGHT CORRIDOR ...!

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WE'RE SAVED THANKS TO THIS CONVENI-ENTLY PLACED ROOM.
PHEW,
「WALL」
MAYBE THERE!
SHIT!
SHAPESHIFT INTO...
SO, ANRI.
IS THAT BASTARD'S STORY ABOUT YOU BEING A DEMON REAL?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MAN
CAME CHASING US WHILE COMPLETELY NAKED
THAT'S JUST BEING A PERVERT!

IT'S TRUE THAT MY HEART IS A MANA CRYSTAL.
THIS WHITE HAIR AND RED EYES...
THEY ALL CHANGED DURING THE PROCESS WHEN I ADJUSTED TO HELL'S ENVIRONMENT
HELL YOU SAY,
HELL!?
THEN ...
I CAME FROM HELL...
STUCK
HOWEVER, I AM NOT A DEMON.
A LONG TIME AGO,
MY ANCESTORS WERE TRAPPED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GATE.

A HUMAN THAT'S BORN IN HELL...!?
THEN, HOW WOULD KYLE KNOW SUCH A THING.....
.....

3 YEARS AGO—
WE WERE PRESUMED TO BE DEMONS.
GIVE ME BACK MY DAUGHTER!
DON'T BE FOOLISH!
EXECUTE!

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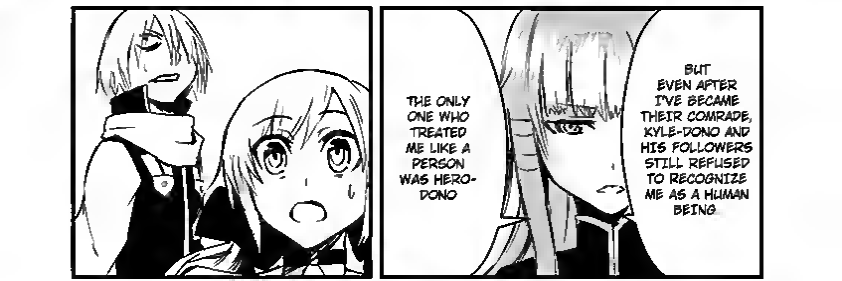
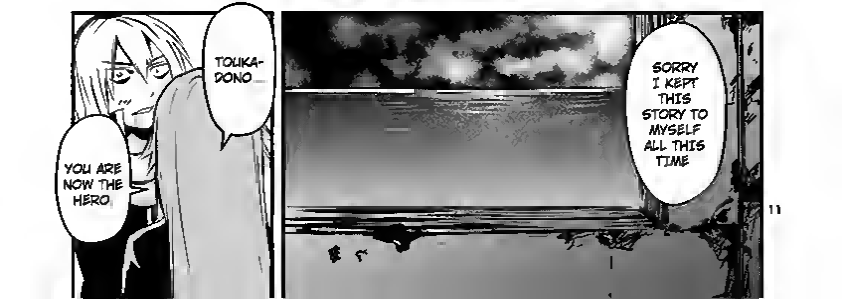
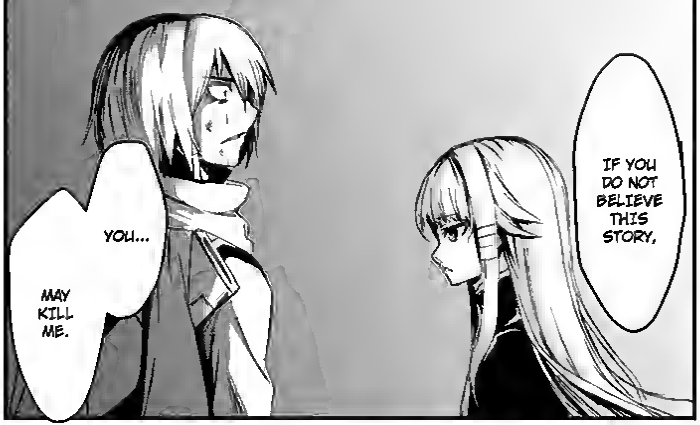
DUE TO THEIR OVERWHELMING FEAR OF DEMONS THEY WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OUR EXISTENCE.
PLEASE HELP US!
WE'RE HUMAN BEINGS!
GUYS!
FROM BEING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GATE, WE'VE BECAME EXISTENCES THAT WERE DIFFERENT IN APPEARANCE AND POWER.

IF I HAD NOT MET HERO SHION, I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW.
ONE AFTER ANOTHER, MY FRIENDS WERE MURDERED.
ME TOO


THE ONLY ONE WHO TREATED ME LIKE A PERSON WAS HERO-DONO
BUT EVEN AFTER I'VE BECAME THEIR COMRADE, KYLE-DONO AND HIS FOLLOWERS STILL REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE ME AS A HUMAN BEING.


TOUKA-DONO...
YOU ARE NOW THE HERO.
SORRY I KEPT THIS STORY TO MYSELF ALL THIS TIME


IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THIS STORY,
YOU...
MAY KILL ME.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T, THERE WILL BE OTHERS THAT WILL COME AFTER MY LIFE.
IF YOU WISH TO FOLLOW HERO-DONO'S PATH, IT'LL BE BETTER IF I'M NOT AROUND.

AND NOW... TO NOT CAUSE TROUBLE FOR HERO-SAMA, I CAN ONLY PROTECT YOU FROM THE SHADOWS
WELL,
I DON'T REALLY HATE YOU.
TO DRAG YOU IN TO SUCH A TROUBLESOME SITUATION,
I REALLY AM A DEMON

YOU MIGHT BECOME A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WITH VOLUPTUOUS THIGHS IN THE FUTURE.
BUT, Y'KNOW.
I WANT TO ALSO BE ABLE TO OBSERVE YOUR GROWTH.
IF I WERE TO SAVE THE WORLD
WH-WHAT IF I DO BECOME A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WITH SENSUAL THIGHS!?
WELL, YOU...
CAN COME LIVE A RELAXING LIFE IN THE VILLAGE WITH ME...
THEN...
THEN I'LL...!

HO, WELL SAID, ANRI
NOW SIGN THIS CONTRACT
FUMU
STOP!
WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT TERRIBLE REASONING!?
THEN I'LL DEFINITELY BECOME A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WITH SENSUAL THIGHS SO I CAN LIVE WITH TOUKA-DONO FOREVER!

SO...
WHAT TO DO.
LET'S DO HERO-SAMA'S JOB TOGETHER!
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR LONG, BUT I KNOW SOMEONE LIKE ANRI-CHAN WOULD NEVER LIE
I ALSO BELIEVE IN ANRI-CHAN
YUKI-DONO...!
THE KINDNESS

★ NEXT TIME, SETTLED AT LAST!!!!

EPISODE 10 HOBBY

WHERE THEY'VE GONE!
WHERE ...
DAMN IT...!
WILL THIS REALLY WORK!?
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THOSE FAILURES...!
IT'LL BE FINE, BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO NOTICE IT HERE
I FOUND YOU.

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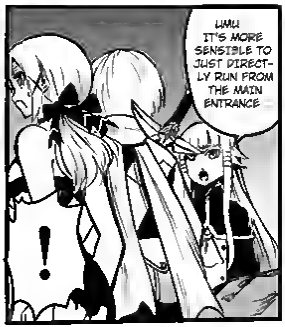
UHU! IT'S MORE SENSIBLE TO JUST DIRECTLY RUN FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE
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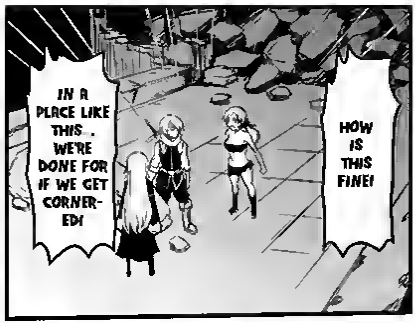
HOW IS THIS FINE!
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, WE'RE DONE FOR IF WE GET CORNERED!

HERE!
... HE'S ...

YOUR INTELLIGENCE SURE IS WORTHY OF BEING CALLED FAILURES
TO KNOWINGLY RUN INTO A DEAD END
THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS BEING A TRAP IS...
HOWEVER, I'M TOO EXCEPTIONAL TO BE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD.
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I KNEW IT!
MISSED!
SHIT!

THIS FELLOW HAS NOTHING TO TRICK ME WITH.
I DON'T THINK SHE CAN RAISE ANY MORE ZOMBIES.
ANRI'S MANA IS AT ITS LIMIT.
GU.
RNRI!
EVEN IF SHE WANTS TO GET CLOSE TO ME, SHE ONLY HAS TWO KINDS OF MANGIC.
THE GIRL IS A CLOSE COMBAT TYPE.
THE REMAINING TWO
THAT GUY'S ONLY WEAPON IS JUST THAT USELESS HOLY SWORD...
AND THE OTHER ONE IS JUST A FAILURE...
!?

H-
HERE, TAKE ANRI. PLEASE SPARE ME!
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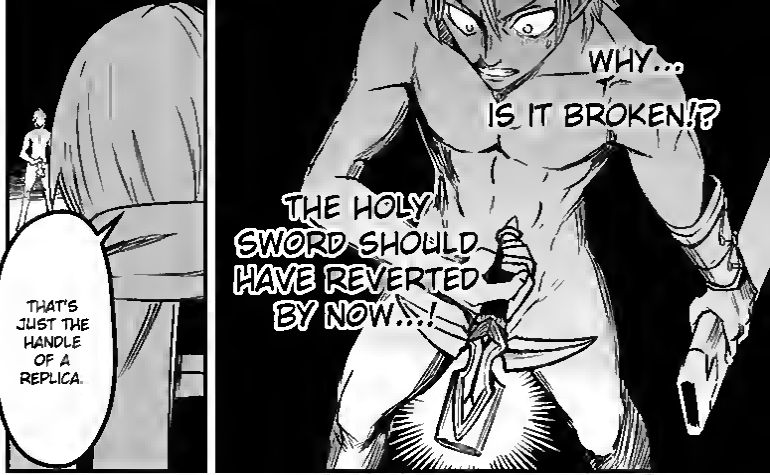
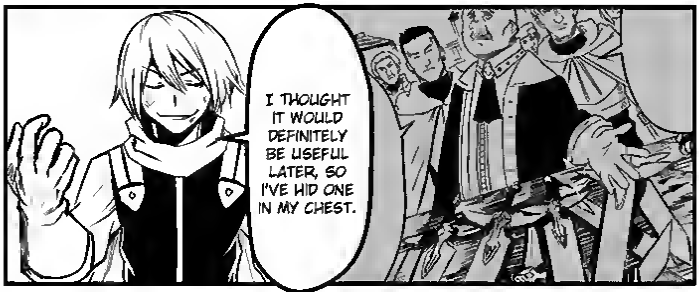
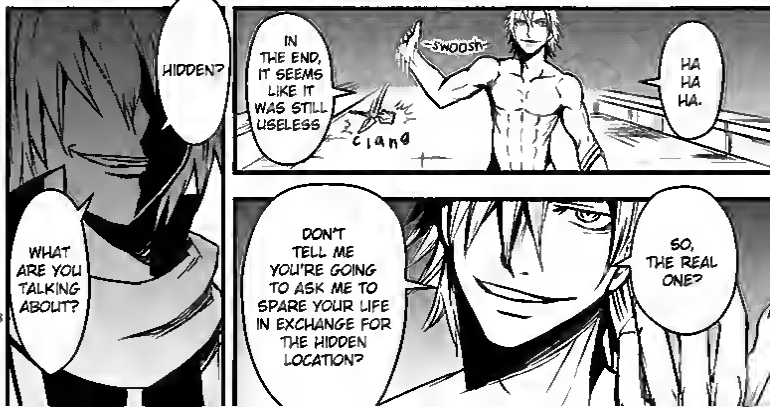
AAAAH!
I-
I SURRENDER!
THIS FUCKING TRASH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY OVERESTIMATED YOU BUNCH OF FAILURES
HA HA HA!
!?
AT LAST, THE HOLY SWORD IS MINE
ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS THE BODY
AS EXPECTED YOU CAN'T EVEN REACH THE BOTTOM OF MY FOOT
YOUR WORTHLESS EXISTENCE IS MEANINGLESS


WHY...
IS IT BROKEN!?
THE HOLY SWORD SHOULD HAVE REVERTED BY NOW...!
THAT'S JUST THE HANDLE OF A REPLICA.


I THOUGHT IT WOULD DEFINITELY BE USEFUL LATER, SO I'VE HID ONE IN MY CHEST.


HIDDEN?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IN THE END, IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS STILL USELESS
-SWOOSH-
clang
HA HA HA.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO ASK ME TO SPARE YOUR LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE HIDDEN LOCATION?
SO, THE REAL ONE?

THE REPLICA IS ONLY THE BAIT TO LURE YOU TO THAT POSITION.
YOU SEE,
MAKING TRAPS IS MY HOBBY.
MY FAVOURITE KIND OF TRAPS.
THE FLOOR...!
NOT GOOD...
SEE... THE ORIGINAL FLOOR WAS DISINTEGRATED BY THAT DEMON.
!?

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ARE PITFALLS.
!?

TOUKA-DONO'S MANA LEVEL IS 1
LIKE AN INFANT
YOU
FAIL-UUUR-REEES!
HA!

LOOKS LIKE FAILURES LIKE US,
REALLY WILL NEVER REACH BELOW YOUR FEET.
HAVE FUN BEING ARROGANT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
YOU PERVERTED HOMO ASSHOLE.
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サバーン
WAAAAAAA
IT'S HERO-SAMA!
HERO-SAMA'S BACK!

AH,
I HEARD IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!
MY TRUST IN YOU GREW!
YOU ARE THE REAL HERO-SAMA!
THAT'S GOOD
NOW THE COMPENSATION FOR TRYING TO ENSALVE ME, I'LL BE EXPECTING LOOOOOTS OKAY?
AAAAH!!
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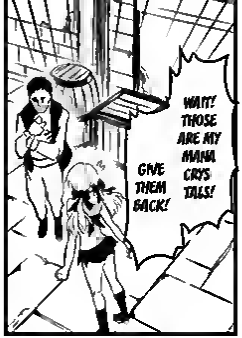
ジロ
EHEHE
-LIFTS-
AH!
SO MANY MANA CRYSTALS.
NOW I CAN BE A GRAND MAGICIAN!
10, IS IT?
HERE, YOUR REWARD OF 3 MILLION KRUGS.

WHAT!
IF YOU WISH TO BUY SOME, THEN IT'LL BE 300 THOUSAND KRUGS PER CRYSTAL
SO THE CLIENT WILL BE RECEIVING IT.
MANA CRYSTALS ARE THE PROOF OF DEFEATING THE DEMONS,


GIVE THEM BACK!
WAIT! THOSE ARE MY MANA CRYSTALS!

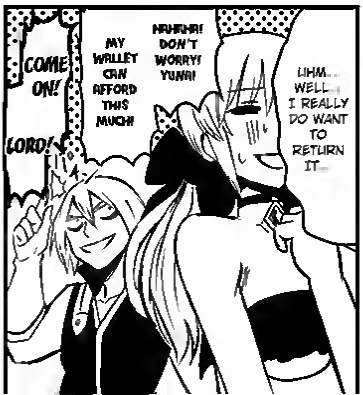
IT MELTED.....!

STAFF.....!

-IFTS-
THEN IF IT'S ONLY ONE

THERE IS ONLY 3 MILLION!
RETURN THE STAFF IF YOU CAN'T PAY THE REMAINING 7 MILLION!

THIS.....
ADDRESSED TO HERO-SAMA FROM LORD-SAMA...


COME ON!
LORD!
MY WALLET CAN AFFORD THIS MUCH!
MUHUHU! DON'T WORRY! YUNA!
UHM... WELL... I REALLY DO WANT TO RETURN IT...

7 MILLION!
OUR FOOD BILL!
US TOO!
LOORD!!
I'm out on a journey
Please do not look for me
Lord
WAIT!
HOLD ON!
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN PAY YOU BACK!
WHO IS THIS SOME ONE!
THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL!
LET'S GO TAKE KRUGS FROM THE KING!
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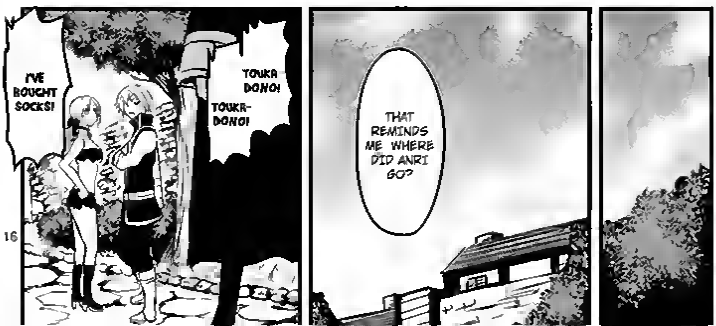
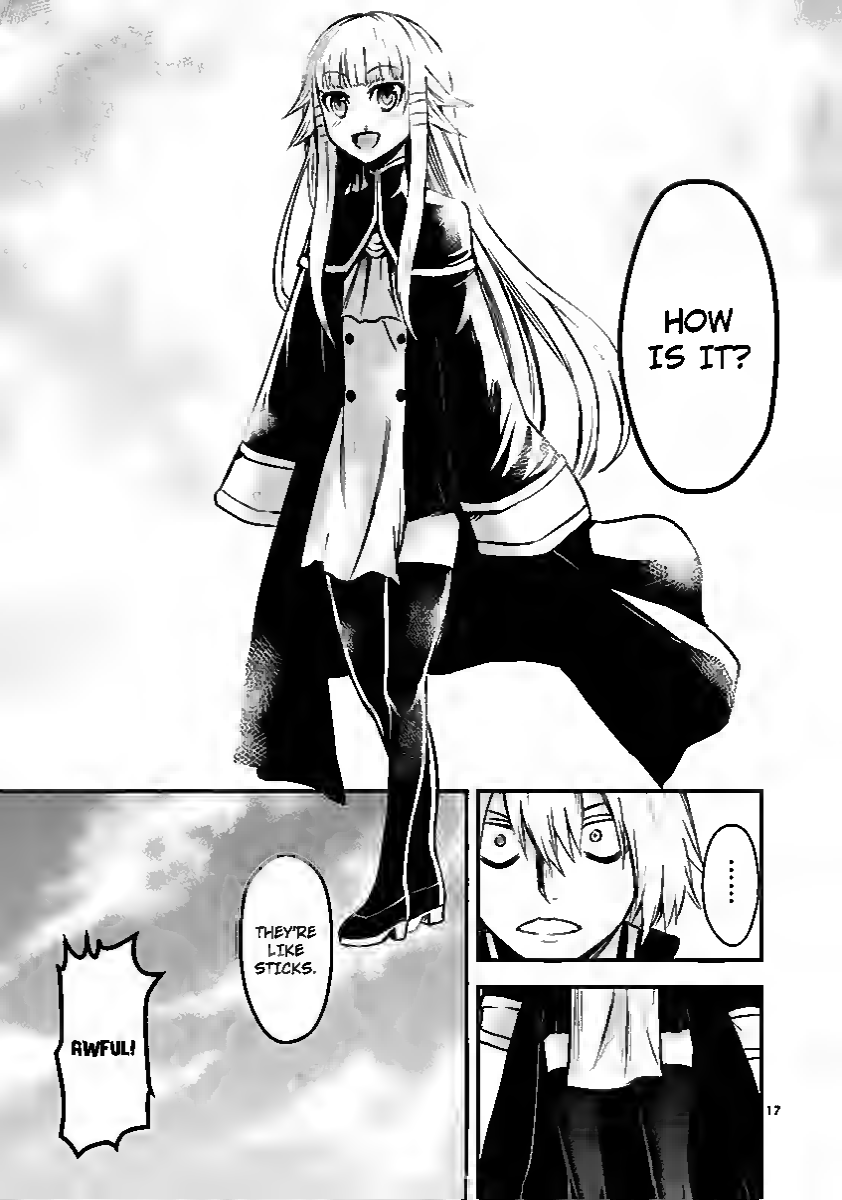

I'VE BOUGHT SOCKS!
TOUKA DONO!
TOUKA-DONO!
THAT REMINDS ME WHERE DID ANRI GO?


HOW IS IT?
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THEY'RE LIKE STICKS.
AWFUL!

IMPERIAL CAPITAL, UNDER GROUND

YOU HAVE A NICE SCAPULA TODAY.
OOH, SELIM.

AAH, MARIA.
YOUR LUMBAR SPINE IS TRULY LOVELY.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF
AAH,
TO BESTOW UPON ME SUCH A SPLENDID POWER...
YEAH, IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE
YOU ARE REALLY GENE-ROUS
YOU JUST HAVE TO USE THIS AND LET IT RUN WILD
SNIFF
SNIFF
SO, WHO'S THE NEXT TARGET?

★NEXT TIME, INCOMING NEW CHAPTER!!!